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BIG YEAR AHEAD SAYS PETER GRAY

President's Welcome

1995 the season begins in what promises to be one of the most exciting and keenly contested competitions in years - the 1995 N.S.W. Super League gets underway this weekend.

There has been much activity amongst the clubs on and off the field as they prepare for a very crucial season, so far as their future prospects are concerned.

The Board of Directors have already advised the clubs of the major restructure of the Super League in 1996.

To enable all clubs that feel they have a claim to be included in the Super League next year, this year's competition was increased to 14 clubs.

The clubs, however, have been put on notice that the size of the league in 1996 will be reduced to possibly 12 clubs, depending on clubs being able to satisfy the criteria that has been imposed by the Federation.

There are many aspects to this criteria taking into account areas such as administration, finance, home ground standard playing performance, youth development, crowd support, media and marketing together with having a strong co-operative relationship with its local junior association. Clubs will be continually monitored throughout the season on these activities.

I wish to welcome Macarthur Rams, St George, and Illawarra Lions into the Super League this year, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, wish every club throughout all divisions, Youth League, Womens Soccer League, and the Central Western League, every success for the 1995 season.

Peter Gray President N.S.W. Soccer Federation

SUPER LEAGUE SEASON

FOURTEEN TEAMS KICK OFF THIS WEEKEND

In 1995 Super League season is looking set to be one of the most intriguing for many years.

With the decision to go back to 14 teams this season, and the announcement that in 1996 the Super League will once again revert back to a 12 team competition, the race will be on for those places.

The absence of Canberra Deakin from this year's competition has allowed three teams from the 1st Division to push their claims for a start in 1996 Super League season.

1st Division Premiers and Champions Macarthur Rams make their first appearance in the State's top league, while both the Illawarra Lions and the St George Saints return after short stints away from the Super League.

All three clubs have been active in the off-season to bolster their first grade squads for the step up to the Super League.

While 1994 was Bankstown City Lions year, which saw them take out every major competition honour, I don't think they will have it all their own way like last year.

I will now look at each team's prospects for 1995.

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS

1994 was arguably the best year this club has had in its history. After winning the 1993 Grand Final, the Lions simply blew their opposition away in 1994 winning the League by a massive 15 points and then going on to beat Canterbury 3-1 in a very entertaining Grand Final.

They then showed what a class team they were by beating National Soccer League team Sydney Olympic 2-1 in the final of the Waratah Cup.

1995 will see them have the nucleus of their all conquering 1994 team back up again. They have three players who are currently playing with Parramatta Eagles in the National League, but are hopeful they will return for the first game.

One of those players, Scott Gilbert, who was named Players Player of the Year at the 1994 Awards Night, will be the key. His goals last year meant that the Lions were always one step ahead of their opponents, and he will once again be the leader of a very good attack.

The Lions defence would have to be the strongest in the league, conceding only 9 goals in the regular season.

They look to have picked up Frank Gigliotti from Warringah Dolphins, and he will add depth to new coach Joe Watson's squad. (1994 coach has returned to Macedonia to coach).

Overall, the Lions will be favourites for honours again this season, and if they can convince Marshall Soper for another stint at the Lions, they will be even harder to beat.

GAINS: Frank Gigliotti (Warringah Dolphins), Paul Richardson.

LOSSES: Scott Baillie and Tony Bojkovski (both to Macarthur Rams), Christian Ortiz (Marconi Fairfield), Marshall Soper (Marconi Fairfield).

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE BERRIES

Canterbury had an outstanding season in 1994. They progressed from fourth in 1993 to second in 1994, and a place in the Grand Final, however went down 1-3 to Bankstown after going ahead early in the match.

Much of the success stemmed from the performances of the younger players, Michael Kariamis, Kon Tsausidis, and Vlado Zoric, all had exceptional seasons and the Berries will look to these three to help them to honours in 1995.

Zoric's 15 goals, including his 1st minute goal in the Grand Final, were invaluable to the Berries and he once again will be a key figure. Canterbury will not have the services of Brad Maloney in 1995, however are hopeful of signing one or two players from the National League.

Young players such as Mark Raeburn and Matthew Percy will have learned much from last season as fringe 1st grade players, and they will be looking to more appearances in the main team come Sunday.

With a very settled squad, John Xipolita's team looks to be a major contender in 1995.

GAINS: Steve Tolios (Parramatta Eagles).

LOSSES: Brad Maloney (Sydney Olympic - loan), Nick Orlic (Parramatta Eagles - loan), George Bouhoutsos.

WARRINGAH DOLPHINS

Not many people expected the Dolphins to make the top five last season, but under new coach John Kosmina, performed brilliantly to finish on level second spot with Canterbury.

Going into the 1994 season, Kosmina had what was a very young squad, but right from the start of the season, showed they would be hard to beat.

Kosmina has struck with the nucleus of that squad and so far has not brought any new faces from outside of the club. They have lost the services of Wayne Pierce, David Guzzo, Frank Gigliotti, Leon Davzacker, and Danny Barbalace, but is confident the young players from last year's Under 21 team, including Under 21 Player of the Year, Frank Mesiti, will prove adequate replacements.

Goalscoring was the Dolphins biggest problem last year, but Kosmina believes Stuart Cleary will be better for last season's experience, and will prove a handful for the defences, while Jason Bennett will be available for the whole season this time round.

The Dolphins will be doing well to finish third this season, but will be one of quite a few teams fighting for a top five spot.

GAINS: None.

LOSSES: Danny Barbalace, Leon Davzacker, David Guzzo (Sydney Olympic), Wayne Pierce, and Frank Gigliotti (Bankstown City Lions).

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS

1994 was not the best season for the reigning premiers. Injuries to key players early in the season disrupted the Demons and they never recovered significantly to threaten the Lions.

Coach Ken Schembri, in his quest to get the Demons back to top spot, has sought a few new players and believes his squad has the ability to produce the goods.

Damon Langan and Scott Ashton both missed a lot of games last year, but their return to the side will give the Demons a very strong defence.

A key point for the Demons will be how the likes of Pat Bradley and Glenn Johnson will be feeling after a long National League season. Johnson as the main striker will be a main key to the Demons chances in 1995.

They have picked up Anthony Versi, who took last year off, while Schembri sees Adam Whan and Anthony Gigliotti as two very good pick-ups from Mt. Druitt.

Blacktown have a very good balanced squad and barring injury's will be one of the top teams in 1995.

GAINS: Anthony Gigliotti and Adam Whan (both from Mt. Druitt Town Rangers), Anthony Versi, and Dragan Pupovac (Bonnyrigg White Eagles).

LOSSES: Lawrie McKinna, Craig Carter, David Batten, Randall Easthorpe, Paul Bourke (Leichhardt Tigers), David Fitzharris, Jonathon Grima, and Steve Sweeney (Macarthur Rams).

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES

Bonnyrigg, after a very slow

SIMPLY INTRIGUING

by DAVID COOPER

start to 1994, narrowly failed to gain a semi-final spot. The White Eagles were only a point shy of fifth place Canberra Deakin.

Much of that fightback came when Dez Martin came over to coach half-way through the season. Marton gave a number of the youngsters their chance and Mark Huenselaars and David Petrovic proved outstanding when they took the park.

Martin has a mixture of experience and youth, and he will be relying on his experienced players to guide the kids through the early rounds.

Stefan Janic had a good season in 94 in front of goals and he will need to find the target just as often if Bonnyrigg are to have any say this season.

GAINS: None.

LOSSES: Robert Wheatley, Jason Mammone, Norman Tome (Sydney Olympic - loan), Osvaldo El Ali, Alfredo Barrios, Goran Negic, Greg Carluccio, Tom Krljar, Alex Aravena, Alexsander Djordjevic, and Dejan Toksimovic.

LEICHHARDT TIGERS

Leichhardt were probably one of the most disappointed teams of 1994. They had high expectations and with the squad they had most thought they would make the top five.

Despite the many name players the Tigers had throughout the year, they never really put it together and do what counts most - score goals.

However 1995 is a different year, and if the Tigers' off-field activity is anything to go by, the Tigers should figure strongly.

The Tiger fans will see a lot of new faces as they attempt to bring back the glory days of past APIA teams.

The signings of Jason Falzon, Michael Reda, and Klaus Okon will give much needed strength in the middle of the park, while Peter Bennet makes his return after a career threatening injury put him out of the game for two years.

Most teams will find it hard to get goals against the Tigers, so it will be interesting to see if they can improve on their form in front of goals. If they do - top five material.

GAINS: Jason Falzon and Michael Reda (both from Parramatta Eagles), Klaus Okon (Marconi-Fairfield), Bob Casserley and Eddie Clune (both from Mt. Druitt Town Rangers), and John Cosentino (Western Suburbs Strikers).

LOSSES: Jason Collett (New Zealand), Richard Machado, Jeff Doyle (Rockdale Suns), Paul Carter (St George), Matthew Dihm (Wollongong City), Anthony Franze (Marconi-Fairfield), Richard Miranda (Ryde City), Dominic Usalj (Sydney United), and Brian Ellem.

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD

The boys from Newcastle were disappointing last season. On paper last year, they had one of the strongest squads, but failed to achieve the results away from home.

They can be a very good team to watch, but inconsistency has let them down badly.

Adamstown will virtually field the same squad as last season, except for notable absentee - last year's NSW 'Best and Fairest' Player, Damien Smith. Smith has moved to Sydney to play with Sydney Olympic and to study.

Neville Power has opted to give a few of his young players the chance in 1995, and with experienced players like former internationals Grahame Jennings and Clint Gosling to guide them, Adamstown will once again be very competitive.

The Buds' biggest concern will be travelling, and if they can pick up points in at least half their away matches, they will be fighting for a semi-final spot.

GAINS: Matthew Garland (Central Coast).

LOSSES: Damien Smith (Sydney Olympic).

SUTHERLAND SHIRE SHARKS

Sutherland have had a few lean years since they won the league in 1991, a situation they want to change this year.

After losing quite a number of senior players two years ago, the Sharks started to rebuild with a lot of younger players and a noticeable improvement occurred in 1994.

With most of these players remaining at the club and the return of a few more experienced players, Sutherland are looking very competitive - on paper at least.

The Sharks have picked up three old boys from previous Sutherland teams, they being Greg Lerond, Tony Cabassi, and Grant Bard.

These three will hold key positions in all areas of the park, so it will be interesting to see whether the Sharks continue moving upwards in the ladder.

The Sharks need to score more goals, so Bard's combination with youngsters Jim Aschner will be crucial.

While I don't think the Sharks will threaten the top five, a few teams will find out they won't be the easybeats they have been in the past.

GAINS: Greg Lerond, Tony Cabassi, and Grant Bard (all Rockdale Suns), and Kirk Westwood (Newcastle).

LOSSES: Zlatko Momircevski, Mike O'Shea (Wollongong Wolves), Andrew Dowling (Parramatta Eagles), Walter Alvarez, Peter Terry (coach full-time), Greg Gregoriou, and Keiran McCabe.

MT. DRUITT TOWN RANGERS

The Rangers consolidated themselves in the Super League, in what was their first year in the top flight.

They lost key player Darren Pratt after only three games with a broken leg which affected the goalscoring department in the Rangers outfit.

1995 has not been a good year so far with quite a number of players having left the club.

New coach John Turner will have his work cut out for him this year, but he is quietly confident his side will give a good account of themselves.

They will be relying on a lot of younger players from the Under 21's to progress this year.

Turner did receive good news though with the signing of Matthew Bingley and Gary Van Egmond from Marconi-Fairfield to come on loan for the whole season.

With very little depth to choose from, the Rangers I feel will struggle for most of the season.

GAINS: Kerry Agiasotis (Belmore Hercules), Matthew Richardson (St George), Sandro Radun (Singapore League), Matthew Bingley and Gary Van Egmond (both Marconi-Fairfield), and Frank Costa.

LOSSES: Mark Downs, Alex Aravjo (St George), Bob Casserley and Eddie Clune (both Leichhardt Tigers), Troy Shipley, Adam Whan and Anthony Gigliotti (both Blacktown City), Geoff Chew, Stan Suman (Macarthur Rams), and Darren Pratt.

ROCKDALE SUNS

The big disappointments of the 1994 season. Started off with a blaze of glory, but from Round 5 on, the goals dried up and Rockdale kept falling down the ladder.

Rockdale were seen as contenders for a semi-final spot last year by a lot of coaches, however, it was not meant to be. Injuries played a big part in that failure with coach Bill Pilovski very rarely able to field the same side two weeks in a row.

New coach Manfred Schaefer has had to rebuild his team considerably after a number of players left the club.

Jeff Doyle has joined the Suns from Leichhardt while John Pillemer returns to Sydney after a stint with the Melbourne Zebras in the National League.

Another new face will be former South Melbourne player Paul Fernandez who has returned from Europe after a couple of seasons there.

Schaefer, never afraid to use the youngsters, has a number to choose from a Rockdale, and they will be given every opportunity.

Looking to consolidate in 1995, so a mid table position will probably be the best bet.

GAINS: Alvin Ceccoli (Belmore Hercules), Jeff Doyle (Leichhardt Tigers), Paul Fernandes (South Melbourne), Fabian Screpis (Malaysia), John Pillemer (Melbourne Zebras), and Riste Ilievski (Warringah Dolphins).

LOSSES: Greg Lerond, Tony Cabassi, and Grant Bard (all

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AUSTRALIA'S WONDERLAND TEAMS UP WITH SPORTS MARKETING 2001

MAJOR SPONSORSHIP HELPS YOUNGSTERS TRAVEL TO JAPAN

The largest junior soccer coaching organisation, Sports Marketing 2001 announced that Australia's Wonderland will be their major sponsors for 1995.

The sponsorship was announced just two weeks before 50 young soccer players leave for Saitama Prefecture which is just north of Tokyo, Japan.

Two boys teams, Under 13 and 14 and Under 15 and 16, plus a Girls Under 15 side will represent New South Wales in a series of seven matches over a 10 day period.

The Australia's Wonderland NSW teams will be presented to the crowd at Melita Stadium next Sunday prior to the National Soccer League game between Parramatta Eagles and Melbourne Zebras at 6pm.

Part of Australia's Wonderland's sponsorship will allow each of the young players who attend the Sports Marketing 2001 Coaching Clinics a free day at Wonderland when the Japanese tour New South Wales in July this year.

Sports Marketing 2001 has organised another tour of Japan in November when they will take another three teams to Kagawa Prefecture which is in Southern Japan near Osaka.

The first tour leaves on Saturday March 25 for 10 days in Japan with the second tour in November and all you need to do for your chance to tour is enrol in one of the Sports Marketing Coaching Clinics for the coming Easter holidays (see application form page 7).

The Australia's Wonderland New South Wales tourists are

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2 - ADAM JOSEPH
3 - GAVIN HARTGE
4 - IAN BURFORD
5 - CHRIS FLEMING
6 - ANGELO THOMPSON
7 - G. VALENZUELA
8 - JASON ALLEN
9 - ADAM KWASNIK
10 - BRENDON SANTALAB
11 - DAVID WATTS
12 - FRANK ZINNATO
13 - TY REYNOLDS
14 - ROBERT MACKIE
15 - DANIEL POTTS
16 - CHEYNE NICHOLLS
17 - STUART SIMPSON

SENIOR BOYS TOURINGTEAM

1 - TYNAN SCOPE (GK)
2 - BRYAN PERROTTA
3 - MANUEL SERMENO
4 - MICHAEL SANTALAB
5 - BEN SHORT
6 - BRADLEY WELLS
7 - JOHN SKUFRIS
8 - JON PAUL BOURKE
9 - ZORAN KRSTEVSKI
10 - DAVID BLINOFF
11 - MILE STERJOVSKI
12 - TONY TRPCEVSKI
13 - PAUL KOHLER
14 - PINO SEMINARA
15 - STUART MCTAGGART
16 - TRENT FLANAGAN
17 - STUART SONTAG
18 - TOM BRISKOSKI (GK)

GIRLS - TOURING TEAM

1 - DANIELLE PRIETO
2 - KYLIE CLARK
3 - KIRSTI WELLING
4 - LAURA JENNINGS
5 - KATE MORGAN
6 - CHANTEL MCBEAN
7 - A. OSZTENKOVICS
8 - KELLY HENRYS
9 - SIGRID ABUHDABAH
10 - LOUISE CORBETT
11 - T. AUROUSSEAU
12 - S. MERCHANT
13 - SONIA D'AMBRA
14 - K. COULTAS
15 - PAULINE RAE

Stewart report? . . . youngsters at a coaching clinic in Sydney yesterday kept their minds set on playing in Europe — Picture: RUSSELL SHAKESPEARE

Stewart bad publicity no match for Zelic success

By BENJAMIN HASLEM

THE international success of Australian soccer player Ned Zelic is a catalyst spurring on local youngsters to dream bigger dreams, according to junior players and coaches.

Whereas their predecessors might have dreamt of playing for a National Soccer League team and then perhaps representing Australia, today's junior soccer elite are comfortable talking of plans to play for glamorous European teams like AC Milan and Sampdoria.

NSW junior soccer coach Mr Allan Bourke said yesterday: "They really have their minds set on playing in Europe and following Ned Zelic.

"Ned's been quite an example to them all, going over to Germany at the age of 18. Some of these kids aren't far off it."

The Stewart report into Australian soccer, released on Tuesday, found national coach Eddie Thomson had engaged in a conflict of interest by facilitating the $200,000 transfer of Zelic to the German club Borussia Dortmund in 1992.

Mention the Stewart report to some of the 110 junior soccer players (boys and girls) attending a training camp in Sydney's west this week and you are met with a collective shrug of the shoulders.

Training camp organiser Mr Frank Dowling said yesterday the vast majority of parents and children involved in junior soccer would take no interest in Mr Stewart's findings.

"The average kid, if you ask him what the Stewart report is, they wouldn't have a clue [until] now are they interested," Mr Dowling said.

Jon-Paul Bourke, 13, who attends the camp, said young players were aware of the monetary rewards bestowed on Australian professionals overseas and this had helped soccer lose its image as an unpopular game for wimps or children from European backgrounds.

Internationally, according to 14-year-old camp attendee Kylie Clark, young girls who play soccer are still accused of being "butch".

The camp is being held to choose NSW under-13 and under-15 boys' teams and an under-15 girls' team to tour Japan in March.

Mr Dowling said the NSW Soccer Federation was aiming to give young players international experience before they became professionals.

He also said he thought anecdotal evidence pointed to junior soccer in Australia being as strong in terms of numbers as it had ever been.

However, figures supplied to the Australian Sports Commission by the Australian Soccer Federation show a decline in numbers from about 230,000 participants in 1989 to 215,804 in 1992.

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On many occasions Sports Marketing 2001 has receive National Press (Australian Newspaper) coverage praising their Coaching Clinics and their unique Soccer exchange Programme with Japan

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL

"Big Pete", as he is affectionately known, has played more than a big part in making Soccer Football a BIG sport in New South Wales.

Over the past four years as President of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation, Peter Gray, with the help of his Board of Directors and General Manager, has steered his Federation to financial stability. He has done so while allowing the World Game to grow and expand throughout the state, and at all levels due to the totally professional and business-like manner in which he runs the N.S.W. Soccer Federation.

Now he is odds-on favourite to take over the reigns of the Australian Soccer Federation which will offer him another stiff change. But with his expertise and experience gained by his achievements at state level, the job, although extremely tough, will be achieved by "Big Pete", who will bring that much needed business approach to Australian Soccer.

Peter Gray is not afraid to roll the sleeves up when the hard work is on.

Peter Gray, a very successful businessman along with his brother Bob, run Sporting Supplies Pty Ltd, the Australian agents for Patrick Sportswear and Footwear.

It all began back in the early 1960's when Peter's father, Jack Gray, who owned a delicatessen in Kingsgrove, decided to build an arcade of shops on the site.

On completion, he along with Peter, opened one of the shops in Gray Arcade as a Sports Store, Record Bar, and Kiosk, where they sold sporting goods at wholesale prices.

His father Jack had the business acumen while young Peter had the sporting contacts, particularly in soccer for he had been playing locally since he was 8 years old. Firstly with Bexley Kingsgrove as a flashing left winger, and then with Punchbowl where he was converted to the custodian of the goals.

Business took a giant leap forward when they became official suppliers to the local Police Boys Club, and in 1963 became the first agents in Australia for Umbro.

Prior to the Umbro agency being attained, the Grays designed their own soccer shoes with the help of local boot maker Kenny Shoes. "We designed and sold the first low cut football boot in Australia," Peter proudly said.

"Sales went through the roof in N.S.W., Victoria, and Queensland, and along with the Umbro agency, we were well underway in establishing a very large sporting goods company," Peter continued.

In six years every club was using Umbro gear and they had underwritten the N.S.W.S.F. for all their gear.

So much advancement had been made that in 1971 they began manufacturing Umbro in Australia, but they parted company with Umbro in 1974 and took on the then number one company in the UK, Admiral.

Admiral was extremely successful for 8 years until the parent company in England went in receivership. But, it was fortunate that Peter and Bob Gray had just previously had discussions with "Patrick" at a Trade Fair in Munich.

"Patrick were very big in France and were making "in roads" into other parts of Europe with a very good football boot," Peter said.

During the heady Admiral days, they moved business from the arcade to much larger premises on Canterbury Road, Belmore. A move that proved essential when Patrick took Australia by storm.

With the guidance of Peter and Bob Gray, Sporting Supplies Company has taken Patrick Football boots to the third largest seller in Australia and the second largest sales in soccer boot just behind Puma.

In 1991 another move to large premises was needed, and they are now situated in a prestigious complex in Peakhurst.

Combine Peter Gray's business achievements with his knowledge of the game, firstly as a player of note playing in goals over many years for top clubs such as St George, Apia, Croatia, Corinthians, Sutherland, Melita, and Polonia, before retiring and having a complete rest from the game for 3 years.

It was not until his son Stephen was 6 years old and ready to play soccer that Peter took him

STEP FOR "BIG PETE" ?

to Cronulla Seagulls for a game in the Sutherland Shire Junior Competition.

Immediately the career of Peter Gray as a Soccer Administrator began and he soon became President of Cronulla Seagulls, a position he held for 5 years, then took over as President of First Division Club Port Hacking.

Three years later he resigned to take the reigns of the Senior Club Sutherland Shire.

As President, he inherited a debt of $140,000, but 5 years later, the debt was clear.

With these credentials he was elected to the Board of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation, then served 3 years as Treasurer before taking on the Presidency some 4 years ago.

During the last four years, Peter Gray, his Board of Directors, and General Manager Peter Thorne, have turned the game around in N.S.W., having "de-ethnicised" the game particularly at the top end, set up the Super League Competition, and formed the foundation for a very viable Interstate Series.

With so much achieved, one could be excused for resting on one's laurels, but not "Big Pete".

"There is still a long way to go and we have to set in concrete a viable Super League Competition before I rest," Peter said.

Peter Gray firmly said that if he's successful in taking the final step to the top of soccer in Australia, he will run the Australian Soccer Federation as it is - a big business, making the hard business decisions and giving the National League Clubs a lot more say in the running of the National Competition.

Peter Gray (right) with Peter Thorne, Scott Gilbert and Damien Smith at last season's Presentation Night

President Peter Gray and his Board have turned New South Wales Soccer around in four short years

And, while talking of running, he believes the State Federations should have more say in the National League with the Australian Federation as Managers.

Soccer has come a long way forward since "Big Pete" took over, and the time is right for his knowledge and ability to be used to re-establish the Australian Soccer Federation as a creditable and business-like unit working for the good of the World Game, in not only New South Wales, but Australia.

OLYMPIC FINALLY COME UP WITH 4 POINTS

Eleven weeks of frustration finally ended for Sydney Olympic's player, officials and supporters when they scored a 1-0 win over South Melbourne last Sunday night.

Norman Tome, the smallest player on the park, was able to out-jump the South Melbourne defence to head past Steve Mautone in South's goal.

Olympic had suffered nine straight losses and a loss would have seen them looking in further trouble at the bottom of the table, with Heidelberg winning 4-3 against Wollongong.

However the win now put Olympic six points ahead of the Bergers.

The turning point for Olympic came when the southerly gale hit Leichhardt Oval, favouring Olympic in the second half.

New coach Geoff Harcombe told his players to continually bombard the South's defence using the win and pressuring them in their own half. The plan worked, when Derek Poimer released substitute Elias Augerinos down the left and his cross to the far post held up nicely for Tome to time his jump perfectly to nod home the winner.

South's missed a golden opportunity to move into the six, when Brisbane were thumped 5-1 by Morwell on Saturday night.

They also suffered at the hands of the SBS advertising signs, when Paul Trimboli crashed into them, cutting open both knees and requiring stitches in both. He is likely to be out of action for three weeks.

Olympic's midfield for the first time in some two months, took control of a match with Branko Milosevic and Brad Maloney causing South's all sorts of problems.

Sydney United maintained third position on the league ladder with a 1-0 win over fellow Sydney siders Parramatta Eagles at Edensor Park.

Despite an outstanding performance from Parramatta goalkeeper Tony Franken, he could do nothing to stop Velimir Kupresak 64th minute winner.

An in-swinging corner from Eric Hristodoulou, saw Kupresak rise above the Eagles defence to head past Franken.

Using the blustery conditions to good effect, the Crows threw

Manis Lamond

everything at Franken but the former Australian used all his experience and agility to deny the Crows a bigger win.

Parramatta rarely threatened the Crows goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac.

Marconi Fairfield were left with a long journey home from Adelaide on Sunday night, after going down to defending champions Adelaide City 3-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

A stunning first half performance by the Zebras, saw them take a 3-0 lead and despite a spirited comeback from Marconi in the second stanza, they always looked in control.

Joe Mullen put the home side in front on the half-hour but the turning point came just before half-time when Damien Mori netted twice in a minute to give City the 3-0 lead.

Steve Corica who tried to mastermind a Marconi recovery was rewarded for his efforts with a goal 15 minutes from the end when he pounced on a mistake by Australian team-mate Milan Ivanovic.

Wollongong despite a brilliant start were beaten by cellar dwellers, Heidelberg United 4-3.

Vaughan Coveny put the Wolves ahead after only two minutes, but two goals a piece to Peter Tsalakis and Robert Despotavski were enough to give the Berger a much needed win, after the Wolves substitute Mineo Bonetig reduced the deficit with two goals.

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STANMORE HAWKS

The 1994 Wooder Spooners - very disappointing, considering that on paper they looked a lot better than how they performed.

Never at any stage of the competition did they look like moving away from near bottom and by half way through the season it was almost a forgone conclusion they would finish bottom.

The Hawks have a huge task to try and turn that around in 1995. They lost a few key players in Steve Karavatakis, Tom Pontidas, Harry Christodoulou, George Kalogeras, and Tony Alilovic.

At the moment these players will be replaced by Under 21 players from last year who did well to finish second in that competition.

Bill Kartambis, who took over half-way through last year, will be in charge again.

The Hawks have a very disappointing squad and will struggle to much higher than last year.

GAINS: Con Bakafoukas (Southern Minotaurs), Walter Alvarez (Sutherland Shire Sharks).

LOSSES: Steve Karavatakis (St George), Tony Alilovic (Heidelberg United), Tom Pontidas, Harry Christodoulou, George Kalogeras, Harry Adamou, Branko Milosevic (Sydney Olympic - loan), Michael Lardis, Peter Papouthis (Heidelberg United), and Stuart Porter.

MACARTHUR RAMS

The Rams were most impressive in winning the 1st Division title in 1994. Between themselves and Wollongong United, it was a two-house race with the Rams proving worthy premiers and champions.

This will be the Rams first taste of Super League football but one they have been itching for for a long time.

However, the Rams have seen that championship winning side disappear as some players have retired while a couple have been snapped up by rival clubs, including leading goalcorers Mark Moffett and Peter Preston.

Coach Hugh McCrory concedes that this season will be very tough, but by no means, a dead loss.

They have picked up Scott Baillie and Tony Bojkovski from Bankstown City Lions, and these two will give the side more experience. Baillie will play a key role in the Rams line-up for if he can, the goals of the same regularity as he did with the Lions, he will score a fair few in 95.

The Rams do have a strong backline and a very good goalkeeper in David Hayes, so the Rams will make sure their opponents know they're in a game.

It's always hard for a new team in the Super League, and the Rams will be aiming to consolidate their position in this competition, but I feel will go no higher than mid-table.

GAINS: Scott Baillie and Tony Bojkovski (Bankstown City Lions), Danny Hinton (West Wanderers), Steve Sweeney (Blacktown City Demons), Stan Suman (Mt. Druitt Town Rangers), and Steve Zoric (St Johns Park Rangers).

LOSSES: Kevin McMullen, Ian Stoddart, Ian Wotherspoon (Penrith), Mark Moffett and Peter Preston (Illawarra Lions), Richard Celarc, Scott McArdle, Matthew Huare, Paul Maher, Peter Treacy (Mt. Pritchard), Darren Read, and Greg Dickinson.

ILLAWARRA LIONS

The Lions have undertaken a name change on their return to the Super League. Known as Wollongong United in 1994, they had a ding dong battle with Macarthur Rams for the title. However, the Rams held on for a well-deserved premiership win.

Under new coach Glenn Fontana, the Lions put together some impressive performances especially in the Waratah Cup where they beat Sutherland Shire 3-2 and then held Sydney United to 0-0 for a long time before succumbing to three late goals from the NSL outfit.

Fontana has opted to retain most of his squad from last year, but he has been very active to add a few more players to his team.

He has attained the services of Wollongong City players Richard Lloyd and Peter Murray, with Lloyd being named captain. These two players' experience playing in the National League for many years will prove very valuable to the Lions.

The 1994 Premiers in action

Macarthur Rams' top striking duo from 1994, Mark Moffett (24) and Peter Preston (13), will also make their way down south, and with Ian Morris banging in the goals when he arrived at the Lions late last year, there will be no shortage of competition for the striking positions.

His defence will be his main concern, which has not changed apart from the return of Andon Ozeparovski after a year in the local league. The Super League is a big step up from 1st Division, but Fontana is confident his lads will handle it.

The lions have a strong squad, and with a move to Brandon Park as well, they will prove the dark horse for a final five spot.

GAINS: Mark Moffett and Peter Preston (Macarthur Rams), Richard Lloyd and Peter Murray (Wollongong City), Simon Beaufils (Sutherland Shire Sharks), and Andon Ozeparovski (Illawarra League).

LOSSES: Alex Krstevski, Chris Ackerley, Matthew Bourke, and Jim Srbinovski.

ST GEORGE

The Saints are back where they belong. One of Australia's most famous clubs had hit an all time low when relegated to the 1st Division, however a dedicated committee has given them the chance to once again show there wares in the Super League.

They did not have the best year in the 1st Division, finishing only above two teams. However, coach Peter Katholos will make sure the Saints are back to the once competitive side they were.

Last season the Saints relied on a lot of their youngsters and 1995 will see a lot of them returning. However, he needed a few experienced players, and making their way to St George Stadium will be Paul Carter from Leichhardt Tigers, Steve Karavatakis from Stanmore Hawks, and Alex Aravjo from Mt. Druitt Town Rangers.

Alex's goals for Mt. Druitt, 8 in total, will have put him in a confident frame of mind for 1995, and will hope to add a few more to that total this season.

Along side him in the frontline will also see two new faces in Peter Vezos from Sydney Olympic and former Ghanian youth international, Kwame Osei-Tutu. Vezos is a noted goalscorer in the youth team, which is also coached by Katholos, while Kwame has impressed in trial games against visiting overseas teams.

Katholos's team will be very competitive in 1995, but won't be a semi-final contender at this stage.

SUPER LEAGUE CLUB NEWS

BLACKTOWN CITY Demons

In 1994 Sarkis Boudaher and Damon Foxe forced their way into the first team at Blacktown City.
Both players fitted in well with Boudaher notching some useful goals. This 20 year old showed such good form that Lawrie McKinna was released on loan to Hills United.
Foxe performed well in the Demons back line last season. His early season efforts have been frustrated by a slight injury scare. He should be fully fit to stake a claim for a permanent spot by kick off time.
The question is - who will come through from the 1995 reserves line-up? Inevitably there will be at least one.
Coach Ken Schembri has had his plans set slightly askew for 1995. Scott O'Donnell has been trialling for a position with the Demons but when Parramatta Eagles decided to change coach then he was called back to Melita Stadium. Scott was on the outer at the Eagles due to a personality clash and has sat out for almost 12 months.
Rest assured that when the opportunity offers O'Donnell will be back at the Gabbie Stadium knocking on the door.
All 15 teams at the Blacktown City Demons camp are raring to fire in their respective competitions.
For the first time 2 ladies team will be wearing the famous red, white and black colour of the Demons.
The 'Demons' Youth teams of course kick off in Super Youth League. The 'Association' teams are in Division 1. Both the Super and Associations sides are administered by Blacktown City.
A representative of the Association is a full participating member of the Federation Football Club committee.
Ken Schembri combines his position as First team and Club coach with full time football administration and a licensed club management position - a thoroughly demanding job!

ST GEORGE Saints

*** Captain Blago Millcevic reckons St George are the team to be with and is looking to start the club's new era with a win over Stanmore Hawks.**
* Tutu Kwine the former Ghana Youth International has become the hero of the saints fans with 2 goals against the touring J League team Jubilo Iwata. President Mr. Peter Christofides decision to promote soccer rather than chase the dollars, paid off with a crowd attendance of 2,000 fans who enjoyed a great game of soccer the Saints lost 5-3.
* On a sad not Vince Savoca broke this ankle in a trial match against Sutherland and will be out of action for several weeks.
* Its all systems go. The Saints are roaring into 1995 under the foresight of player/coach Peter Katholos. The Kat is delighted with his squad which includes the former Australian international Paul Carter, who will also be fulfilling the role of Assistant Coach.
Coach Katholos has selected two players from our last year Under 21 Grand Final winning team Paull Walker and Paul Mifsud both players are determined to fight and hold their spot in First Grade.
* Congratulations to Trevor Trotman, after 20 years of loyal service to St George Soccer Association. He's been appointed coach of the U/18's.
* The St George Saints will have the support of the local St George and Sutherland Leader Newspaper. Committee member Les Murray said, "This is a super deal for the Saints and shows that the St George Community is getting behind us."
* Season Tickets are on sale at the Club House - Adults $80; O.A.P. $40 (Pensioners). Contact Soccer Secretary Sue Christofides on 579 6977.
* The Saints will be providing ball boys (persons) for all three grades. They will come from St George Junior Soccer Association. Committee Member John Buckley said, "We're all working together for the good of soccer".
* QUESTION - What club in N.S.W. has a room called the Goal Post Bar, with a goal frame and net on the stage?
ANSWER - St. George Soccer House; come and see for yourself after our home games, and meet the players.

MACARTHUR Rams

In their last official trial match before the start of the Super League competition Macarthur Rams went down 4-1 to an enthusiastic and well seasoned Sutherland Sharks side.
The Rams sorely missed new signings Stan Suman and Scott Baillie as well as the experience of Tom Bazdaric, all of whom were rested to recover from niggling injuries.
This game coach Hugh McCrory an opportunity to blood some of the younger players in his first team to give them some experience for the hard grind of the coming competition.
The Sharks simply had too much experience for the young Rams who gallantly held on for a 0-0 half time score-line.
For that first forty five minutes it looked as though the Rams were evenly matched with their opponents and they were probably a little unlucky not to have scored on two occasions.
Both sides tried to play open attacking soccer but their plans broke down through some sloppy technical errors and so play could at best be described as scrappy.
After the break the Rams made a couple of elementary mistakes and the Sharks pounced to make the most of them with goals from Dean Klower (2), Tony Brandtman and Martin Kovac.
The Rams responded with a clever opportunist effort from debutante Philipe Contardo and very nearly added two more through Shane Rayner and then Jason Lewis.
McCrory's decision to give the younger brigade to chance at the top level will pay dividends for the club as the season progresses since these lads have now ridded themselves of the butterflies and they will be able to settle in quickly when called upon.
McCrory was obviously disappointed with the final score-line but he was somewhat realistic with his comments.
"We are going through a period of re-building and we are looking very closely at the young players who have come through the ranks within our district," he said.
"This match gave me a chance to look at some of the promising lads under pressure cooker circumstances without risking valuable points in the competition."
"I am very pleased with some of the things I saw today and I believe that we have the necessary talent to do the job and ensure that the Rams do not run last in our first season in Super League."
"To be honest, I know that we cannot win the competition this year and my dual mission for 1995 will be to avoid relegation and to develop these youngsters to the point where they can command regular first team selection for years to come."
Next Sunday the Rams kick-off the competition against Leichhardt Tigers at Lynwood Park, with the First Grade fixture scheduled at 3pm.
The locals will be at full strength and should give the team from the inner west a real run for their money in front of what is hoped to be a large contingent of Macarthur supporters.

SOCCER NEW SOUTH WALES

SUPER LEAGUE Round One

ILLAWARRA LIONS Vs BONNYRIGG EAGLES

Brandon Park, Sunday 19th March

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

TEAM COLOURS Red & Gold Shirts Red Shorts Red Socks COACH : Glenn Funtana			TEAM COLOURS Red Shirt Blue Shorts White Socks COACH : Des Martin
Greg Woodhouse	1	1	Christian Gonzalez
Grahame Watton	2	2	Alen Stajcic
Paul Robaard	3	3	Simon Turner
Anthony Driene	4	4	David Petrovic
Adam Kwasniewski	5	5	Vladan Tadic
Steven Baggott	6	6	Tomislav Divljak
Andon Dzepatovski	7	7	Mirko Ninkovic
Tony Naumovski	8	8	Jeffrey Suzor
Ian Morris	9	9	Peter Vukmirovic
Mark Moffett	10	10	Stefan Janic
David Phillips	11	11	Tony Telisman
Javier Ayala	12	12	Sascha Telisman
Richard Lloyd	13	13	Javier Mancino
Chris Minol	14	14	Mark Hoenselaars
Simon Beaufils	15	15	Vlado Skataric

RESERVE GRADE 1 pm

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 11 am

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

Back in the Super League after a years absence is sure to be a big incentive for the Illawarra Lions to win. Were not happy when demoted to the 1st Division last year have been hungry to get back where they believe they belong. The Lions had a good year in 1994, running a close second behind Macarthur Rams for the premiership and losing narrowly to the same side in the grand final. Have retained much of the 1st grade squad from last year but more importantly have recruited very well. Richard Lloyd has come across from arch rivals Wollongong City as has Peter Murray, while they have picked up Mark Moffett and Peter Preston, Macarthur's leading goalscorers last season. Bonnyrigg made a late charge towards the semi-finals last season only narrowly missing out. Coach Dez Marton will be going with a lot of youth this year as a number of his more experience players have left the club. These young players impressed greatly when given the chance last year and are sure to make just as big an impression in 1995.

THE GAME: Illawarra will be playing their games for the first time at Brandon Park arguably the best ground in the Wollongong region, and would like a win first up at their new home ground. It will be interesting to see how Glenn Fontana's side make the step a division. Ian Morris will be a key player for the Lions this year and if he can find the net as regularly as he did last year the Lions will be very competitive. Is a tough assignment for Bonnyrigg and they will need to be at their best to win. Stefan Janic proved a good purchase last year and his goals will also be very valuable to the Eagles in 1995. A tough match to predict but the Lions to start off the season with a win.

1994 RESULT: N/A COOPER CLAIMS: Illawarra Lions

SUPER LEAGUE Round One

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD Vs BLACKTOWN CITY

Adamstown Rosebud, Saturday 18th March

FIRST GRADE 7 pm

TEAM COLOURS	TEAM COLOURS
Green Shirt	Red & Black Shirt
Green Shorts	Black Shorts
Red Socks	Black Socks
COACH : Neville Power	COACH : Ken Schembri

Clint Gosling 1	1 Andrew Crews
Shane Pryce 2	2 David Scott
Grahame Jennings 3	3 Jason Connolly
Dean McWhirter 4	4 Damon Langan
Neil Owens 5	5 Gary Comerford
Adam Sanderson 6	6 Andrew Brockbank
John McQuarrie 7	10 Adam Whan
Scott Thomas 8	11 Martin Driene
George Safouris 9	12 Sarkis Boudaher
David Bock 10	14 Anthony Versi
Dale Robertson 11	16 Scott Ashton
Steven Kacev 12	20 Dragan Pupovac
Benn Lane 13	15 Warren Hayward
Brett Eldridge 14	17 Damien Foxe
Cameron Hudson 15	

RESERVE GRADE 5 pm

TEAM NOT SUBMITTED

- Dragan Pupovac
- Fernando Drakos
- Damon Thompson
- Ryan Adams
- Carson Cooper
- Goran Vulic
- Jun Miyamoto
- Nathan Tring
- Nathan Hall
- Glenn Geppart
- Scott Bramley
- David Morgans
- Mark Holdsworth
- Jay Anderson

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 3 pm

TEAM NOT SUBMITTED

- David Morgans
- Todd Walker
- Craig Noble
- Dave Rosewarne
- Muk Pattinson
- Tony chang
- Marty McCaffrey
- Brendon Saleman
- Clinton Green
- Jay Anderson
- Luke O'Connell
- Bjorn Borg
- Brendon Mifsud
- Rowan Healey

A crucial game from both sides as they look to get off to a winning start. Adamstown at home are a very hard side to beat as their record of the past couple of seasons shows. They did not have the best of years in 1994 and are determined to regain the form they showed in 1992 and 1993 where they reached the semi-finals. Have retained virtually the same squad as last year, however one noticeable absentee will be Damien Smith who was crowned NSWSF Best and Fairest Player in 1994. He has moved to Sydney Olympic.
Blacktown City also did not have the year they were looking for in 1994. The Demons, the 1993 Super League Premiers were still able to make the top five but were beaten by Warringah Dolphins in the semi-finals. Coach Ken Schembri has been very active in the off-season to find the squad he needs to recapture the premiership. Young players Tony Gigliotti and Adam Whan were drafted into his squad, while Anthony Versi will make his return to the Super League with the Demons. Lawrie McKinna will sadly be missing form the Demons due to work commitments, however Schembri has enough talent to cover his loss.
THE GAME: Schembri believes this would have to be the hardest 1st up fixture his club could have received. Both sides have the team to win this years competition, but it is the early rounds which will be crucial to their chances. Adamstown need to win most of their games at home, to supplement their poor away record and there would be no better way to start than by beating the Demons. For Blacktown it is a tough way to start, and they would quite happily walk away from Adamstown Oval with a score draw. Blacktown had a win in Newcastle last year, however with Glenn Johnson and Pat Bradley away on NSL duty the best they will do is get a score draw.
1994 RESULT: Adamstown 0 Blacktown 1 COOPER CLAIMS: Score Draw

SUPER LEAGUE Round One

CANTERBURY BERRIES Vs ROCKDALE SUNS

Arlington Oval, Saturday 18th March

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

TEAM COLOURS Blue Shirt Blue Shorts Gold Socks COACH : John Xipolitas		TEAM COLOURS Red Shirt Black Shorts Red Socks COACH : Manfred Schaefer	
Steve Tolios	1	1	Keith Warren
Michael Kariamis	2	2	Alvin Ceccali
Spiro Hantzis	3	3	Stephane Joe
Michael Raeburn	4	4	Jeff Doyle
Mathew Percy	5	5	Jovan Ckorovski
Burim Zamji	6	6	Paul Fernandes
Nick Oustambasidis	7	7	Fabio Screpis
Vlado Zoric	8	8	Zlatko Markovski
John Manolopoulos	9	9	Tony Perinich
Louie Dounis	10	10	John Pillemer
Kon Tsaousidis	11	11	Riste Ilievski
Robbie Jerkovic	12	12	Sasha Stojcevski
Steve Christoforidis	13	13	Iain MacDonald
John Christou	14	14	Zoran Naumovski
Nick Mihas	20	20	David Aceski

RESERVE GRADE 1 pm

TEAM NOT SUBMITTED

- David Aceski
- Sydney Rogic
- Andrew McHardy
- Enzo Sansone
- Simon Golovodovski
- Tony Sekulic
- Peter Pullicino
- Peter Vajdevski
- Nick Bejkovski
- Jimmy Burmuzovski
- Marc Pillemer
- Nick Markovski
- Alex Barreto
- Marcelo Soler
- Ricky Oppedisano

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 11 am

TEAM NOT SUBMITTED

- Andrew Crisafi
- Alex Kotevich
- Marc Rosenstein
- Dennis Allovic
- Allan Pavelic
- Mile Trpcevski
- Tome Bozinovski
- Rabeh Nasser
- Larry Mullen
- Jorge Juares
- Troy Boes
- Ilija Strezoski
- Bobby Kuzmanovski
- Hussein Atoui
- Hussein Fakkredine
- Maurice Soler

How fortunes can change from the start of the season to the end of the season. In 1994 these two teams met in the second round of the competition at Arlington Oval, Rockdale coming out big winners to the tune of 5-1. Everyone was saying at the start of the season that Rockdale might give the competition a shake and it was looking like they might. Well by season end it was Canterbury that did the better by running second in the premiership and losing the Grand Final to Bankstown City while Rockdale finished one from the bottom in what can be described as a season to forget for the Suns. The Berries have kept the squad together except for Steve Tolios replacing George Bouhoutsos in goals, who is at Sydney Olympic. In a good young side that have plenty of enthusiasm and will have gained from last years good season.

Rockdale have one of the best coaches in Australia in Manfred Schaefer and that should see an improvement straight away. There have been a fairly big changeover in the squad with new boys such as Jeff Doyle, John Pillemer and Paul Fernandes bringing NSL experience to the team. Will be more competitive this year.

THE GAME: Canterbury will look at last years fixture against Rockdale as the game that shook them to life. They will not want a repeat in their first home game of the season this year and want to go one better than they did in 1994. Will be missing experienced players such as Brad Maloney and Nick Orlic who were major contributors to the Berries success, however captain Spiro Hantzis is sure his boys will be up to the task again in 1995. Rockdale have a new side and it could take a few weeks before the players make a useful combination. Will need a lot of luck to repeat last seasons effort. Will have to watch the skills of Vlado Zoric if they are to win this one, for if he is given half a chance he will grab it.

1994 RESULT: Canterbury 1 Rockdale 5 COOPER CLAIMS: Canterbury Marrickville Berries

SUPER LEAGUE

Round One

ST GEORGE SAINTS Vs STANMORE HAWKS

St George Stadium, Saturday 18th March

FIRST GRADE 7 pm

TEAM COLOURS	TEAM COLOURS
White & Red Shirt	Yellow Shirt
White & Red Shorts	Green & Yellow Shorts
White Socks	Green Socks
COACH : Peter Katholos	COACH : Nick Kartanels

Tony Marco 1	1 Les Bihari
Paul Walker 2	2 Ari Triantafylou
Costa Caimakamis 3	3 Kevin Kaprot
Paul Carter 4	4 Nick A Kartambis
Blago Milicevic 5	5 Con Bakafoukas
Tony Danaskos 6	6 Peter Spais
Steve Karavatakis 7	7 Nick V Kartambis
Alex Araujo 8	8 Simon Fedele
Peter Vezos 9	9 Jason Oldridge
Peter Katholos 10	10 Manuel Papageorgiou
Kwame Osei-Tutu 11	11 Nick Konstantinou
Colin McAusland 12	12 Manuel Pavlidis
Paul Mifsud 13	13 Christian Martinez
Vince Savoca 14	14 Walter Alvarez
Jason Cheeseman 15	15 AndrewAntoniou

RESERVE GRADE 5 pm

Dean Heslehurst
Jim Mitrouskas
Stephen Scotti
Brent Christofides
Aedan Hewitt
Michael Zdrilic
Cameron Groll
Nick Theodorakopoulos
Matthew French
Andrew Hay
Dion Woodroof
Paul Tucker
Jimmy Corbo
Rod Solomon
Michael Fotoulis
Giorgio Manuli

TEAM NOT SUBMITTED

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 3 pm

Ben Burrowe
Mohamed Sabra
Trent Holmes
Nathan Quinlan
Ali El Reda
Joseph Ellul
Hakan Erdogan
Hussein Hijazi
Gordon Sutherland
Anthony Matthews
Ben Price
Mark Power
Chris Charalambos
Paul Tucker
Matthew Makin

TEAM NOT SUBMITTED

St George are back in the Super League after a two year absence and ready to stay. As one of the all-time great clubs in Australia, St George has along and proud tradition since they were formed in 1957. Some of the greatest players Australia have seen have graced the St George colours and the present administration are striving to get those glory years back to the club. Coach Peter Katholos has been working overtime to get together a good competitive squad for 1995. Experienced defender Paul Carter has made his way to the Saints, while Steve Karavatakis and Alex Aroujo should provide plenty of attacking flair. Has a lot of young local players in his squad but is confident they will hold their own in the Super League.

Stanmore had a nightmare year and only stayed in the top league with the increase to 14 teams. Have lost quite a few players from last years squad and as yet have not picked up any significant signings. Will rely on the young players from last years successful U/21 side that finished second in the premiership.

THE GAME: With both sides not considered serious contenders for the five, a win here is vital if they are to have a chance. A successful start could give both sides a lot of confidence in the first few weeks and that could make all the difference. St. George coming back into the league, will be desperate for a win. Katholos as most of us know, hates to lose and he will have his boys fully prepared for this game. The Saints are waiting on a clearance for Ghanian Kwame Osei-Tutu and are hopeful it will be here before the weekend. If it does the Hawks will have to watch out for he is one slippery customer who can score goals as well. Even if he does not play, I still feel the Saints will have too much firepower for the Hawks.

1994 RESULT: N/A COOPER CLAIMS: St. George Saints

SUPER LEAGUE

Round One

SUTHERLAND SHARKS Vs MT DRUITT TOWN

Seymour Shaw Oval, Saturday 18th March

FIRST GRADE 7 pm

TEAM COLOURS	TEAM COLOURS
Blue Shirt	Green & Yellow Shirt
Blue Shorts	Green Shorts
Blue Socks	Green Socks
COACH : Peter Terry	COACH : John Turner

Scott Preston	1	1	Sandro Radun
Paul Donnelly	2	2	David Close
Greg Lerond	3	3	
Robert O'Shea	4	4	Kerry Agiasotis
Tony Brandtman	5	5	Angelo Raguz
Tony Cabassi	6	6	Paul Benitez
Dean Klower	7	7	John White
David Thomas	8	8	Pat Agius
Grant Bard	9	9	Gabriel Gonzalez
Jim Aschner	10	10	Wayne Farnsworth
Shane Clinch	11	11	Frank Costa
Christian Phillis	12	12	Matthew Richardson
Kirk Westwood	13	13	
Martin Kovac	14	14	
Scott Henderson	15	15	

RESERVE GRADE 5 pm

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 3 pm

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

Both teams will be desperate to do much better in 1995 than they did in 1994. Sutherland who finished with the wooden spoon in 1993 improved marginally in 1994, but the signs are already there that 1995 will be a better year. Have recruited very well in picking up Greg Lerond, Grant Bard and Tony Cabassi from Rockdale Suns, while Kirk Westbrook I am reliably told will be a very handy acquisition. The Sharks also have a good batch of youngsters that make up the squad and with Robbie O'Shea and Shane Clinch providing the experience, the Sharks will test a lot of teams.

Mt Druitt Town Rangers have gone through a rebuilding stage in the lead up to this years start. As many as eight first grade players from last year have departed the club, leaving new coach John Turner with a thin squad. Have picked up a number of players including Kerry Agiasotis from Belmore Hercules and Matthew Richardson from St George, however have confirmed the signing of Matthew Bingley and Gary Van Egmond from Marconi Fairfield as the big buys for the club.

THE GAME: The Sharks are playing all their home games on a Saturday night and are hoping this will see the crowds come back to Seymour Shaw. But the best way to bring the crowds in is to win and thats exactly what they plan to do. They are very confident of a much better year and in their final hit-out before the weekend beat Macarthur Rams 4-1. Bard's presence up front will give the attack more options while the defence looks much stronger with Cabassi filling in at left back. Mt Druitt will rely on Wayne Farnsworth's goalscoring ability to get them through the early rounds. Will find it tough with a small squad to choose from, so points are vital in the early rounds. The Sharks to win this one.

COOPER CLAIMS: Sutherland Shire Sharks

SUPER LEAGUE Round One

BANKSTOWN CITY Vs WARRINGAH DOLPHIN

Jensen Park, Sunday 19th March

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

TEAM COLOURS Red Shirt Black Shorts Red Socks COACH : Joe Watson		TEAM COLOURS Royal Blue & Silver/Gold Shirt Blue & Silver Shorts Blue Socks COACH : John Kosmina	
Anthony Avellino	1	1	Matthew Bloomfield
George Souris	2	2	David Segreto
Saso Boskovski	3	3	Steve Hickman
Mendo Ralevski	4	4	Sean Scott
Mark Reveley	5	5	Andrew Riches
Zaya Jebraiel	6	6	Ros Etherington
Anthony Surjan	7	7	Craig Sharply
Mile Todoroski	8	8	Matthew Lowe
Scott Gilbert	9	9	Jason Bennett
Nikolce Joseski	10	10	Sam Panetta
Ozcan Celik	11	11	Stuart Cleary
Saso Petrovski	12	12	Justin Dale
Frank Gigliotti	13	13	Anthony Sergas
Paul Richardson	14	14	Philip Moss
Ivan Zlomislic	15	15	Frank Mesiti

RESERVE GRADE 1 pm

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 11 am

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

1994 was the year of the Lions and nobody came close to them. They won the premiership by a massive 15 points, comfortably accounted for Canterbury 3-1 in the Grand Final and just to show they were not only the best team in the Super League they went onto to beat Sydney Olympic in the final of the Waratah Cup. Just to make matters worst for clubs in 1995, is that their squad has changed very little from last year. The only noticeable absentees are Marshall Soper and Scott Baillie but he has been replaced by Frank Gigliotti who represented his state two years ago. Lions officials are still hopeful that Soper might still play in 1995.

Warringah also had a good year in 1994 finishing third on goal difference after being level with Canterbury in second spot. However the Dolphins have lost a number of players from last year and as yet no new names have made their way north. Despite this, Kosmina still has the majority of last years team and should again prove to be one of the top teams this year.

THE GAME: Easily the best match of the opening round. Of all the teams in the competition last year, Warringah proved to be the toughest test for the Lions. Bankstown as the premiers and champions will be under a lot of pressure to repeat that performance of 1994 especially as they have the same players and a win will be no less than what the Lions supporters will expect. They however are still waiting to find out if their NSL contingent of Gilbert, Souris and Reveley will be available for the first game. The Dolphins will be happy to come away from this match with a draw, for it is the toughest opening fixture one could have. Have a strong defence which will be the key to this game. If the Dolphins can nullify the Lions free flowing game they could spring a surprise upset. However scoring was the Dolphins problem last year and they will need more consistency in front of goals if they are to trouble the Lions. A Lions win for mine.

COOPER CLAIMS: Bankstown City Lions

SUPER LEAGUE Round One

MACARTHUR RAMS Vs LEICHHARDT TIGERS

Lynwood Park, Sunday 19th March

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

TEAM COLOURS	TEAM COLOURS
Maroon & Grey Shirt	Maroon Shirt
Maroon Shorts	Blue Shorts
Maroon Socks	Maroon Socks
COACH : Hugh McCrory	COACH : Nick Cosenito

David Hayes	1	1	Frank Mikuletic
Tom Bazdaric	2	2	Robert Casserley
Scott Baillie	3	3	William Aloisi
Tony Bojkovski	4	4	Peter Bennett
Danny Cerjak	5	5	Craig King
Danny Hinton	6	6	Paul Bourke
Jason Lewis	7	9	Scott Xuereb
Steve Sweeney	8	11	Jason Mifsud
Gary Newson	9	12	Bruno Beddoni
Shane Rayner	10	13	Eddie Clune
Stan Suman	11	14	John Coentino
Steve Zoric	12	15	Anthony La Grazia
	13	16	Jeremy Pettenon
Chris Lansdowne	14	20	Sam Butera
Peter Moore	20		

RESERVE GRADE 1 pm

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 11 am

TEAMS NOT SUBMITTED

Things could not be more different when talking about these clubs. For Macarthur it is there first experience in the top league while for Leichhardt they were one of the original members of the first state league competition under the federation in 1957. The Rams are coming off a terrific 1994 winning the 1st Division title and Grand Final and earning promotion to the Super League. Meanwhile the Tiger had by their standards a very average year and have gone through a whole new administration change in the off season. But here they are matching up in the 1st Round and in what should be an interesting game.

The Rams despite winning the 1st Division have had some big changes to their squad and this game will be a good indicator of how they will do this year. There leading scorers have both left to join Illawarra Lions which is a big blow to coach Hugh McCrory. Have picked up Scott Baillie from Bankstown City and he has proven with the champions that he can score his share of gaols. Have also picked up Stan Suman who has plenty of state league experience.

Leichhardt have been very active and picked up quite a few players. Jason Falzon, Michael Reda and Klaus Okon have all signed however they will not be available until the completion of their commitments to their NSL clubs. Have a solid squad that should perform very well.

THE GAME: Will be a big test for the Rams especially playing at home in front of hopefully a healthy crowd. A win for the Rams would see the fans come back in their droves so they will be out to impress. They will rely on the experience of Baillie to get the goals while they have a steady backline that with a few games under their belts should prove very competitive this year. The Tigers while missing their three stars still look quite strong. Have a very strong backline and any team that can get a couple of goals past them will know they are having a good day. If Bruno Beddoni can find his scoring touch from the start it could be a big year for the former leading goalscorer. While it would be nice to see the new boys win, the Tigers look much more solid as a tam and should win by the odd goal.

COOPER CLAIMS: Leichhardt Tigers

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud

As season 1995 is about to begin, may I on behalf of Adamstown Rosebud Football Club, wish all other competing clubs and their players, best wishes for the coming season - especially the newer clubs - hang in there if the going gets tough.

Our club has had very few personnel changes for 95. Departures from the senior squad amount to just two. Damian Smith signed with Sydney Olympic some months ago, and Robbie Middleby is with Wollongong Wolves, after being on "loan" to Adamstown from Newcastle Breakers for the 1994 season. Meanwhile, two players returning to Adamstown for 1995 after varying lengths of time away should prove assets to the club and of interest to our supporters.

Mathew Garland, former Newcastle Rosebud United Youth Team Captain in 1984 (the season that Rosebuds Senior and Youth Teams won the NSL Cup in the respective grades) and now back after almost 10 years, looks as lean and "mean" as he's ever been.

In a recent trial match for Adamstown against (top 4) Malaysian Club side Johore, the Central Coast bred Garland showed suburb understanding with team mates and his ball distribution and crisp passes were a pleasure to watch. Remembering that this was only Adamstown's 2nd trial for 95, and Garland's first game with the Buds for almost a decade against quality opposition, losing 3-2 minus five regular first graders. Adamstown and midfield maestro, Matty Garland displayed fine pre-season form.

Another "old face" back with the Buds in 1995 is Cameron Hudson. "Cammo" has spent much of the past 2 years overseas (working, sightseeing, relaxing?), but now he's back and this tall and tough defender is just another gem in a Buds backline, boasting no less than five players who between them have collected International, National, State Senior, and Under 23 honours in recent years.

They are Clint Gosling (NZ International goalie) still to this day, Graham Jennings (former Australian Socceroo and NNSW Representative), Dean McWhirter (Australian Under 17 Joey 1987 and NNSW Representative), Neil Owens (NNSW Representative on several occasions and NSL), and Adam Sanderson (NSW Under 23 Representative 1994).

Adamstown has many other "talents" throughout all its grades, as Grand Final victories in both Under 18's and Under 13's Super League testify to.

This coming season will be Adamstown Rosebuds 106th consecutive year of football. In most of those years, the club has been at or near the top of whatever competition it competed in. This year will be no different. The club will aim to be as professional as possible in the present NSW setup. We will strive for honours, playing an entertaining style of football, and hopefully produce along he way, another "Socceroo" or two.

Our supporters will wish all of our players in all grades, the very best for 1995.

MT DRUITT TOWN Rangers

Mt. Druitt announced last Friday the signing of two National League players from Marconi-Fairfield. Olyroo Matthew Bingley and former Socceroo Gary Van Egmond have agreed to play for the Rangers for the entire Super League season in 1995.

The signings have strengthened the Mt. Druitt squad considerably and with them and many of last year's squad retained, the Rangers looked much better on paper.

Wayne Farnsworth has decided to put the boots on for another season, when it was thought he was retiring. Farnsworth, with his experience and goalscoring ability, will make Mt. Druitt a very competitive side.

BONNYRIGG Eagles

ROMAN RETURNS

By Jack Cirjanic

The club has retained most of the players from last year, including Roman Nikolic who is transferring from Heidelberg Soccer Club. The negotiation has been concluded and the club is just waiting for his clearance to come through.

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Tony Telisman who has returned from his injury which sidelined him for the whole 1994 season, has signed a new contract with the club for the forthcoming season. Coach Dez Marton said Tony is a good skilful player and will be a great asset to the first grade team.

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Sascha Giesen, an ex-St George player who spend a couple of years playing in Germany, has returned to Australia and has just signed for this club. The club is waiting for his clearance to come through.

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The club's defender, Jason Mammone, will not be able to play for the club in the 1995 season because of his work commitments.

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Coach Dez Marton works very hard with the other coaches, Danny Blanusa and Bruce Tilt, to prepare the teams for the commencement of the season.

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Tod Obradovic, the club's Youth League Coordinator, does a good job. He has everything ready to start the season with.

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Bogdan Veljovic, the club's ex-Committeeman, who has been associated with this club for many years, was the happiest man in the world to see his son Predrag marry the most beautiful girl in this region, named Spomenka. The wedding ceremony was held in the Serbian Centre Club on Sunday, February 26. 700 guests attended the wedding party which went to the early hours of Monday morning. The BWE Club wished Pedrag and Spomenka a long and happy married life.

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The President, Bill Strbac, is a very unresting man who is spending a lot of time to organise things and to blend his committee into a winning team. Good on you Bill, you can do it. It's not the first time.

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The club will hold a banquet function night on Saturday, March 11, 1995 at the Serbian Centre Club commencing at 7.00pm. The club would like to invite all its members, supporters, and friends to attend this banquet night. Good musical programmes, entertainment satisfaction guaranteed. Everybody welcome.

McLACHLAN STANDS DOWN

At a meeting of the Morwell Falcons executive committee recently, Bobby McLachlan stood down from his position as head coach of the Morwell Falcons National League Soccer team.

Bobby has service with distinction over an 8 year period and brought Morwell from the Premier League of the Victorian Soccer Federation into the National League of Australia.

President Fred Disipio said, "It is a measure of the man that Bobby has put the interests of the team and club before those of his own personal needs, and it is a matter of extreme regret that Morwell was unable to persuade Bobby to change his mind and that Falcons have reluctantly accepted his decision."

His services will not be totally lost to Falcons as he has decided to remain in a managerial and developmental capacity with the club.

The remaining games in the NSL will be handled by Assistant coach Harry Bingham.

ILLAWARRA Lions

The Illawarra Lions, formerly Wollongong United, launched their new club at a lavish Dinner Dance just recently. New players Richard Lloyd, Simon Beaufils, and Mark Moffet were just a few to be introduced to an enthusiastic audience of some 400 supporters.

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The club has had an image change. It still enjoys the support of the Macedonian community which is the heart of the club, but it has also tried to broaden the base across the Illawarra. Club President Paul Matters has secured Brandon Park for the club's home games. This is by far the best facilities in the Super League.

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Club President Paul Matters has proved himself an astute leader of the club, although, coming from an Australian Rules background in Victoria, Paul has developed a passion for soccer. His vision and expertise will prove invaluable in making the Lions one of the big clubs in the NSW Super League.

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Richard Lloyd, the Lions Club Captain, has done a full circle as a player. Lloyd was with Lions coach Glenn Fontana at Fairy Meadow when that club played in the NSW 2nd Division. It was from there that Lloyd transferred to Wollongong City. Fontana stated that he was happy to have his star protege back and feels that he will be as asset to the club and make an impact in the Super League.

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Fontana has signed Mark Moffett from Macarthur Rams and hopes to have last season's striking partner Peter Preston in his squad. Negotiations are under way between the Rams and the Lions.

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Lions secretary Luke Parovski, must be feeling satisfied with the Lions promotion to the Super League. He saw the club slip to the 1st Division, but along with President Matters and club supporters, supported the club's structural changes and was most encourages by the team's on-field performances of last season.

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Coach Glenn Fontana was somewhat surprised when young Greystanes striker Darren Peters asked for a trial with the club. Fontana said if enthusiasm and a positive attitude were anything to go by, then young Peters should be a handy acquisition.

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Talks are under way with Shellharbour Council to develop a complex at Shellharbour. The Lions plan to use this as a base for their youth teams and develop training facilities. Well-known Futsal administrator, Terry Pearse, is helping with negotiations, and along with Glyn Gardiner, will prove valuable assets to the club.

KANGA CUP

Australia's greatest international youth soccer tournament kicks off in Canberra on July 3. Is your team ready?

The Snickers Kanga Cup is an international youth tournament that attracts teams from all over the world. Already a boys Under 12 team from Tumen, Siberia has entered, and they are training vigorously in temperatures of minus 40 degrees! In contrast there are teams from Perth, the Sunshine Coast, and Victoria, who have also entered.

In 1995 there are some exciting prospects for the girls divisions with an under 19 team coming from the USA as well as a team from the NSW Central Coast.

The Snickers Kanga Cup is open to any youth team who wishes to participate and falls between the age group of under 11 and under 19. The event provides an opportunity to meet with children from all over Australia, as well as our international visitors. You will also have the opportunity to visit Australia's national capital, staying in motel style accommodation.

There will be a Snickers Fair Play trophy and every participant will take home a Snickers Kanga Cup t-shirt and certificate.

SUTHERLAND Sharks

SHARKS SET FOR BIG YEAR

The Sutherland Soccer Sharks are primed for their best season in several years as the start of the 1995 Super State League draws near.

The club has spent the last two years rebuilding both on and off the field and is ready to challenge for a semi-final spot in 1995.

In the off-season, Sutherland were fortunate to sign up several experienced players to add to the group of promising youngsters at the club. Greg Lerond, Tony Cabassi, and Grant Bard, have joined us from Rockdale and Kirk Westward is looking to rebuild his career after being injured while with the Newcastle Breakers in 1991.

The Sharks will start the new season in their best physical shape for a long time thanks to the efforts of Steve Sproule and his staff at Engadine Fitness. Steven certainly challenged the teams commitment and the boys have responded tremendously and there will be no fitter side in this year's competition.

Local junior, Tony Brandtman, is the new captain for the Sharks in 1995. Tony has stayed loyal to the club through recent troubled times, and with the redevelopment of Seymour Shaw Park progressing, albeit slowly, and the improvements in playing staff and off-field administration, Tony is set to lead the Sharks into one of its most exciting periods.

PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Senate Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts References Committee

Soccer Inquiry

On 8 December 1994 and 2 February 1995 the Senate resolved that this Committee conduct an inquiry under the following terms of reference:

"That the Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts References Committee inquire into the role of coaches, players, agents, clubs, officials, and others in the transfer of Australian sportspeople, and into any other matters relating to corruption, conflicts of interest, tax evasion, and improper financial transactions, with particular reference to the sport of soccer; and review the report by the Hon. D.G. Stewart to the Australian Soccer Federation; and that the Committee report to the Senate on this matter by 11 May 1995".

The Committee invites persons and organisations wishing to express views on matters relating to this reference to lodge written submissions (which may, if necessary, be made on a confidential basis) by 28 February 1995 with:

The Secretary
Senate Environment, Recreation,
Communications and the Arts References Committee
20–3 Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

The Committee will consider all submissions and may invite parties to give supporting evidence at public or *in camera* hearings. Proceedings of the Committee and its witnesses are protected by Parliamentary privilege. Submissions become the property of the Committee and are only made public after a decision by the Committee.

Further information and notes to help with preparing submissions are available from the Committee Secretary: phone (06) 277 3525, fax (06) 277 5818.

FIRST DIVISION SEASON

featuring
PAUL
GOODWIN

All the ingredients are there for another very exciting season in Division One. We have one completely new club, three promoted outfits, and yet another that has opted for a new identity this time around.

They will all vie for media attention in the all-too-brief twenty-two or so week ahead of us in 1995. No team has dropped into this section from the Super League.

Division One followers, however, bid farewell to old friends and 1994 Premiers, Macarthur Rams, runners-up Illawarra Lion (nee Wollongong United) and giants of old, St George, who will all, no doubt, now give the Super League Clubs a run for their money.

In their stead we welcome 2nd Division winners Southern Minotaurs who, this season, become the latest tenants at Hurstville Oval.

Minotaurs from the St George area are going along nicely so far and under shrewd coach and self-appointed general factotum, Peter Sarikakis, expect to perform with distinction, just as they did in the 2nd Division and Waratah Cup final stages last term.

They have secured some good experienced players. John Sklias, Steve Chilas, and George Markopolous, formerly with Stanmore, Bill Drossos, ex-Belmore, and goalie Greg Gregoriou will all bring added depth to the well credentialled Minotaurs squad.

Goals can be expected to flow from the feet of Jim Alepheris, captured from Canterbury and as well Sarikakis has high hopes for Angelo Kehagias who also played with The Berries.

Minotaurs have lost Kon Bakafoukas to Stanmore and the Palapanis boys and regular 'keeper Christopoulos to Greek soccer.

With the bonus of sponsorship from 'Islander Food Supplies' and 'George Providores' the scene is set for another good year.

Peter Sarikakis believes that his side can even challenge for title honours, and should finish around the middle of the table.

The Minotaurs are joined by 2nd Division Grand Final winners Fairfield Bulls who will provide 1st Division soccer at their recently commissioned Ninevah Field complex at Edensor Park for the first time.

By May they expect to have their new $65,000 grandstand operational, to cater for 500 people, together with a two storey amenities block on the other side of the ground.

The playing strength is good. They are still hoping to retain the brilliant John Ghisso, on loan from Marconi, but won't have goalie Steve Tolios around, at least until his Parramatta Eagles commitments are over.

Things do look good, though, thanks to signings such as Alfredo Barrios, Bernie Voloder, and Leo Pintos, and the return of Samir Isa and the introduction of Ulysses Da Silva from Canberra.

Former Ku-ring-gai district player Gavin Bennet has recovered from a broken leg sustained in Fairfield colours a couple of years ago.

Parramatta Eagles have provided Aydin Cetinay and his brother Yucel.

Of last year's crop, Robbie Grubba, Jere Matosin, and Dragon Grujic, the club's Best and Fairest in 1994, are once more bound to figure prominently.

This talented group, coached by rising star Michael Mamoo, will be very competitive this coming season.

Mamoo has high expectations for one of the few Assyrians in the side, Adnan Odisho, and also believes that 18 year old Matthew Borg will make the step up to first grade this season.

The Bulls could roar into the top five without surprising.

Also up from the 2nd Division are Hills United who competed in last year's Grand Final after having their best season ever.

They are strong in all grades and are keen to see their picturesque bushland arena, Fred Caterson Reserve at Castle Hill, providing top quality football for a good support base in Sydney's north west. Recent ground improvements will enhance their cause.

John McDonald can expect to call on the services of Lawrie McKinna and Randell Easthorpe, on loan from Blacktown, plus many new faces and even a few old ones who have come back to their old stamping ground.

Lawrence Hall and Adam Hagger are two former West Wanderers players to join McDonald along with ex Blacktown prospects Shane Jarvis and Hayden Begbie.

Reliable 'keeper Terry Ide, with the club since its inception, will now have good back-up thanks to the signing of former St Joseph's player Hadi Chedid.

McDonald, now in his third year at Hills after a spell of coaching at Gladesville and also with the Combined High Schools in the past, feels that his team will be competitive.

They will miss Mark Cooke, following surgery on a leg injury, but the nucleus of last year's side will be around, including stalwarts Gary May and Andrew Bow.

Training has been helped by the

Elias Augerinos to join Sydney Cosmos

SHOULD BE A BEAUTY

use of Fred Caterson as a venue for trial games, the only problem being the local rabbits who seem bent on eating as much of the pitch as they can before the players arrive. Players have an instruction to rid themselves of the bunnies before the season opener against Liverpool.

Elsewhere, many players have been on the move as usual.

Much attention will focus on the new brigade, Sydney Cosmos, who are bent on high achievement. They have a healthy budget and are keen to develop junior talent as well as attracting a broad support base within reach of the inner city and Eastern suburbs.

They are very much an unknown quantity both on and off the field.

Sydney Cosmos had hoped to move in at the Athletic Field to take the place of the disbanded Eastern Suburbs and they too have ambitious plans as the new independent face of Sydney Soccer.

They will, instead, be based at Wentworth Park with some other matches set down for Arlington Oval.

Of last year's Easts side John Cambum, Duncan Whitfield, Tom McMorrow, Rudi Jerkovic and the Shepherds, Damien, and Michael will be on hand. They will join Tim Anderson, Paul McFadden, when recovered from injury, Stewart Porter, Bill Fotopoulos and two recruits from Perth, Derek Wait and Martin Jeffs.

Coach Steen Jensen, a former assistant of Manfred Schaefer's, who was previously at Canterbury and Sydney Olympic, knows that his side will take a while to come together, but is optimistic.

Jensen has also signed Roger Conroy from Ryde City and Nick Mihas from Canterbury. In addition, when his NSL commitments are over, Elias Augerinos is expected to join the side.

To build team spirit the club organised a weekend away at Grafton two weeks ago and enjoyed the break from the gloomy Sydney weather, getting a chance for the new players to blend as a social unit.

The local promotion of the game against the Grafton Gunners was considered a big success.

Division 1 action from last year

Cosmos will be watched with great interest. Look for them nearer the bottom than the top by August.

Ryde City Gunners, formerly North Ryde, have the support of both the Ryde City Council and the Eastwood Rugby Club with the latter again providing them with the excellent TG Milner Field facility for all home games.

Les de Celis has done a lot of work in the off-season and cast his net widely for new players. John McKie, Richard Miranda, Paul Mamo, Paul Watkins, and Alan Welsh, all moved in at the northside facility.

Regulars such as Ashley Williamson, Chris Cowley, and Jeff Kelly will give the team a solid look and much is expected of three players who had to recover from broken limbs during the summer, Rick Giometti, Jimmy Organ, and Alf Cirino. All are training well.

Rick Piotrowski is ready to produce his best again and Chris Giometti continues to prosper in the seventeen-man squad de Celis can now call upon.

Youngsters like John Flack and Michael Masulans have matured immensely over the last few months and are ready to claim a regular first team spot into the bargain.

The club expects a very big year and promotion is their goal this time around. That is well on the cards, too.

The remaining clubs are those we saw last term, but most have rung the changes in personnel, including coaching staff.

Dulwich Hill, Mount Pritchard, and Ryde City, are the only clubs to retain their head coach from last term. Admittedly the three promoted clubs have kept faith, not surprisingly, with the men who brought them fame in 1994, but of the main bunch who played here before, five have opted for a change.

Bruce James bows out at Central Coast after three good years, handing over to his loyal assistant Vic Bozanic.

Vic will have the help of Mark Pratt as his number two this year along with new Under 18 mentor Brian Follett who has brought the youth leaguers through with great success over a number of seasons at the Coast.

Coasties expect to be even stronger this time around and have signed Matthew Heighway from Blacktown to augment an already sound squad.

The usual faces will be there as eager as ever; Dale Eggleton, Paul Roberts, Andrew Ollier, Mark Drysdale, Damien Brown, Steve Cutler, Grant Sheen, Darryl Harvey, Damon Cronshaw, and many more together with Under 17 star Kevin Schneider who looks set to make a big impact this year.

Coasties are gearing up for a serious assault on the Division One title. Top five again seems a formality.

A team they met in a recent trial at Pluim Park, Dulwich Hill, are on track for another top five challenge.

The Hill side came away from Lisarow with a 2-1 win and they may be able to get away to a better start this year. Traditionally slow to get moving, The Hill will have two new recruits in Samuel Belinha and Luis Pereira from Sporting Club Marrickville on parade this time around.

These will help compensate for the loss of Tim Anderston to the Cosmos and Leo Pintos to Fairfield Bulls.

Ian Gillan has had a summer to get over the after-effects of a knee reconstruction the previous year and looks stronger now.

And Paul Dee is likely to back

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CENTRAL COAST v FAIRFIELD BULLS

Pluim Park, Saturday 18th March, 6.00pm

T.B.A 1.	1.
Steve Cutler 2.	2. Jere Matosin
Kevin Schneider 3.	3.
Mark Drysdale 4.	4. Robert Grubba
Dale Eggleton 5.	5. Alfredo Barrios
Andrew Ollier 6.	6. Jamie Nunez
Craig Thompson 7.	7. Andrew Brown
Andrew Clark 8.	8. Leo Pintos
Paul Roberts 9.	9. Adnan Odisho
Damian Brown 10.	10.
Mathew Heighway 11.	11 Aydin Cetinay
Steve Lilley 12.	12. Gavin Bennett
Grant Sheen 13.	13. Ulisses De Silva
Mathew Whitelaw 20.	14. Yucel Cetinay
	15. Mathew Borg
	20. Richard Artesi

RYDE CITY v AUBURN UNITED

T. G. Miller Field, Sunday 19th March, 3.00pm

Andrew Prentice. 1.	1. M. Silkeci
Chris Cowley 2.	2. A Moras
Paul Watkins 3.	3. S Can
Michael Masulans 4.	4. A Krezo
Ashley Williamson 5.	5. M Kuru
Paul Mamo 6.	6. R Issa
Richard Miranda 7.	7. D Stipic
Jeff Kelly 8.	8. U Taskin
Rick Piotrowski 9.	9. G Ozcan
Chris Beard 10.	10. N Codmani
John McKie 11.	11. D Keselik
Alan Welsh 12.	12. N Ahmed
Simon Boyer13.	13. D Read
Warren Gronay14.	14. K Codmani
	15. M Izci
	16. M Schofield

WEST WAND. v BELMORE HERC.

Chopin Park, Sunday 19th March, 3.00pm

Chris Duffet 1.	1. Angelo Rodic
Jason Cooper 2.	2. Nick Platamotis
Jonathan Langan 3.	3. Con Kery
Bill Pilovski 4.	4. Jason Petrides
George Fernandez 5.	5. Robert Sacco
Vince Colaguiri 6.	6. Perry Giannopoulos
Ben Wright 7.	7. Bill Baltatzis
Kevin Vella 8.	8. Kouklidas
Shane Crampton 9.	9. George Kalogeras
Vlado Nickovski 10.	10. Kyp Kosmazos
Paul Bentvelson 11.	11. Jim Melisourgos
Daniel Coccoza 12.	12. Rick Palomino
Seweryn Walewski 13.	13. Theo Andromedas
Richard Grima 14.	14. Jason Lal
Anthony Pearson 15.	15. Stevan Papadimitriou
Tony Zic 20.	20. Frank Tsoukalis

MT. PRITCHARD v STHN MINOTAUR

Cook Park, Sunday 19th March, 3.00pm

Matthew Darwen 1.	1. Greg Gregoriou
Gary Hatton 2.	2. Matthew Remondos
Pat Marando 3.	3. John Pantazis
Peter Vrlic 4.	4. John Skillos
Mate Novokmet 5.	5. Sam Panagakis
Anthony Crea 6.	6. Stelli Sampsonis
Franco Cosentino 7.	7. George Markopoulos
Andrew Cartman 8.	8. Tony Mihaljevic
Ivan Maras 9.	9. J im Alliferis
Daniel Blanco 10.	10. Billy Drossos
Ivan Maric 11.	11. Con Alexander
Peter Treacy 12.	12. Spiros Poulos.
Scott Fergerson 13.	13. Con Kristallia .
Jason Robinson 14.	14. Steve Chilas
Barry McGregor 15.	20. John Mylonas
Luke McGuire 20.	

HILLS UNITED v LIVERPOOL CITY

Fred Caterson, Sunday 19th March, 3.00pm

Terry Ide 1.	1. Paul Kostoglidis
Shane Jarvis 2.	2. Ray Carney
Stuart Akhurst 3.	3. Enzo Gonzalez
Laurence Hall 4.	4. Nokola Radocaj
Gary May 5.	5. Danielo Abal
Andrew Bow 6.	6. Robert Spirkovski
Kazan Hadden 7.	7. Istvan Juhas
Adam Haggar 8.	9. Zlatko Petrovic
Randall Easthorpe 9.	10. Aleksander Joanovic
Stephen Walte 10.	11. Paul Croci
Philip Keane 11.	12. Jevon Ramsden
Paul Kirkely 12.	13. Craig Perring
Hayden Beghic 13.	14. Vejnovic
Justin Young 15.	15. Fanta Mola
Hadi Chedid 20.	20. Petronijevic

DULWICH HILL v SYDNEY COSMOS

Arlington Oval, Sunday 19th March, 3.00pm

Carlos Zabala 1.	Martin Vogt
Ennio Morson 2.	Duncan Withfield
David Bennett 3.	Roger Conroy
Craig Bass 4.	Tommy McMorrow
David Naylor 5.	Nick Melas
Victor Rebelc 6.	Rudy Jerkovic
Philip Cacciola 7.	Tim Anderson
Sameul Belinha 8.	Damien Sheppard
Sepp Disch 9.	John Camburn
Ian Gillan 10.	Keith Jeffs
Luis Pereira 11.	Bill Fotopoulos
Cesar Mora 12.	Costa Athanasioo
Ulisses Pereira 13.	
Damon Emanuel 20.	

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with Paul Goodwin

up once his Marconi season finishes. But this is going to be a harder season than the last. They may have to settle for lower than half way this time.

Auburn welcome back high profile mentor Mike Johnson, probably the most successful coach in Australia today based on his premiership strike rate over the years with a number of clubs.

Ugher Taskin will be back as will Darren Read. Two brothers from another First Division side look set to join them, but Canbek Genc and his brother Aytek have opted for a stint in Malaysia and both will be missed.

The club is nevertheless confident of doing well and why wouldn't they since they remember some good years under Johnson in the past. Another to figure among the semi-final contenders.

Mount Pritchard were one of several clubs to participate in a well structured pre-season tournament at the Serbian Centre over three consecutive days a fortnight ago.

Mounties reported that all last year's players - and we mean all - were re-engaged and they have also added some talented young prospects such as Paul Larancio and Pat Marando from Marconi, Nasser Abdu from Concord, Peter Treacy from Macarthur, and Jason Robinson.

The most fiercely contested spot is likely to be in goal where they are well served by Luke McGuire and Matthew Darwen and where they could also have Les Pogliacomi back once the Marconi season is over. We'll be there when the whips are cracking.

Belmore put Nick Theodorakopoulous in charge of their squad after Jim Ziras left the scene at the end of last year.

They are looking much fitter than at this time last year and have welcomed back a few old faces in Jim Melissourgos, Kpy Kosmatos, and Bill Baltatzis. They are delighted to report that Federation 'Best and Fairest' winner, Rod Palomino, is again leading the attack.

Theo Andromeda and Mario Saisanas will give many defenders a tough time on the flanks once more, while Manny Spanoudakis and Perry Giannopoulos are bound to spark the rest of the side. Angelo Rodic will be between the posts for the team as usual. Backed by the Belmore Greek Orthodox Church and sponsored by Majestic Travel and Olympic Airways, the Hercules will provide entertaining fare at Blick Oval all winter. They may find points hard to come by on a consistent basis.

West Wanderers expect much from the multi-talented Leon Gardikiotis who takes command of his first coaching assignment at this level, following playing spells with Polonia, Dulwich Hill and Liverpool among his many previous associations.

Wests look to be stronger this year with Bill Pilovski moving into the sweeper's role and other notables such as Jorge Fernandez, Vlado Mickovski, and Vince Colagiuri joining him. Sasha Spiroski and Vince Nastoski, a star turn at the indoor variety of the game, are in calculations as well.

Last year's reliable players like Jon Langan, Jason Cooper, and Chris Duffett are back while Kevin Vella has returned after a season on the sidelines.

They have 'keeper Tony Zic in reserve to support Duffett and the stylish Pole, Luka Waleski, is also now in the squad.

Adam Hagger has moved on after two good seasons as has Justin Young, but Danny Coccoza and Ben Wright are still around and expected to make an impact.

19 year old prospect Shane Crampton and Anthony Pearson are others expected to shine at Chopin Park in 1995.

Mark Nile has retired and the Cook boys, Robbie and David have moved on after being almost part of the furniture for some years.

West ought to be happy to claim a position around half way.

Finally, Liverpool, who struggled to gain consistency last season, are banking on youth and a complete clear out to propel them to better things this year.

New coach Ilija Ilic was appointed in plenty of time to get things organised and he had given his young charges some searching trials, with not a little on-field success.

Though lacking the names of the bigger clubs, the Liverpool lads should make life difficult for many of their rivals once more. They may start the year as favourites for the wooden spoon again.

It could, however, be a tough year for many.

The Federation has indicated that it wants to reduce the Super League numbers to twelves, possibly even ten, for 1996, and the 1st Division is unlikely to be increased in size to accommodate any of the essential influx from above.

That means a big challenge for the 1st Division sides to improve their facilities and attendances as well as their playing strengths to again become eligible for a similar sized competition.

In addition, the Federation would like to see Central Coast in contention for a Super League spot next year, and there are others with similar ambitions among the eleven remaining teams.

This season is going to be another beauty. This weekend's opening round should favour the home teams. Expect West Wanderers, Mount Pritchard, Hills United, and Dulwich Hill to record victories, while the Central Coast-Fairfield Bulls and Ryde City-Auburn matches could both end up all square.

Now, let's see them all prove us wrong!

NEXT WEEKS DRAW SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 2 : 25th/26th MARCH, 1995

* ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD VS MACARTHUR RAMS - SATURDAY - ADAMSTOWN OVAL
* LEICHHARDT TIGERS VS SUTHERLAND - SUNDAY - LAMBERT PARK
ROCKDALE SUNS VS BLACKTOWN CITY - SUNDAY - MACEDONIA CENTRE
STANMORE HAWKS VS CANTERBURY BERRIES - SUNDAY - WENTWORTH PARK
WARRINGAH DOLPHIN VS ST GEORGE SAINTS - SUNDAY - CROMER PARK
MT DRUITT TOWN VS ILLAWARRA LIONS - SUNDAY - POPONDETTA PARK
* BONNYRIGG EAGLES VS BANKSTOWN CITY - SATURDAY - SERBIAN CENTRE
* KICK OFF - 1st Grade 6.00pm; Under 21's 4.00pm; Under 18's 2.00pm

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* CENTRAL COAST VS AUBURN UNITED - SATURDAY - PLUIM PARK
FAIRFIELD BULLS VS DULWICH HILL - SUNDAY - NINEVAH FIELD
RYDE CITY GUNNERS VS BELMORE HERCULES - SUNDAY - T.G. MILNER FIELD
SOUTHERN MINOTAUR VS WEST WANDERERS - SUNDAY - HURSTVILLE OVAL
LIVERPOOL CITY VS MT PRITCHARD - SUNDAY - ERNIE SMITH RESERVE
SYDNEY COSMOS VS HILLS UNITED - SUNDAY - T.B.A.
* KICK OFF - 1st Grade 6.00pm; Under 21's 4.00pm; Under 18's 2.00pm

PRODUCT OF THE SYSTEM

There are not many players in Australia who have played in front of 110,000 people in a FIFA world cup event. In fact, there are only eleven, and George Sorras is one of them.

George was a member of the 1991 World Youth Cup team that played in the semi-final against Portugal in the Stadium of Light in Lisbon. As George said, it was a tremendous experience playing in a game where you can't hear your team mates because of the noise.

George Sorras is now part of the Soccer NSW Development Team giving back to the system that developed and nurture him.

George first started playing at U/11 then started playing representative football and played for the NSW U/13, U/14, and U/15 youth teams. He then progressed to the Sydney Olympic Youth teams, where he has been ever since.

He then got what he believes to be the luckiest break in his life when he was chosen to enter the Australian Institute of Sport.

"It was the best two soccer years of my life. In reality I was a professional footballer for two years. I lived and breathed soccer. I also learned about nutrition and weight training. I would recommend it to any young player. In fact, I wish every young player could spend time there. The coach, Ron Smith (Gary Cole at the time) taught me so much.

George then progressed to the Australian Youth Team which included Marc Bosnich (Aston Villa), Rob Spasevski (Preston), Rod Stojcevski (Preston), Mark Babic (Sydney United), Paul Okon (Club Brugge), Adam Poric (Sheffield West), Matt Bingley (Marconi), Loz Kindtner (Club Brugge), David Seal (Bristol City), Kris Trajanovski (Hong Kong), Steve Corica (Marconi), Kevin Muscat (South Melbourne), Tony Popovic (Sydney United), Brad Maloney (Sydney Olympic), Rob Stanton (Sydney United), Marc Silic (Melbourne Knights), and Zeljko Kalac (Sydney United).

Also playing against him were future stars such as Serrinko (Brazil), Eltser (Brazil), Cole (England), Joao Pinto (Portugal), Dwight Yorke (Trinidad), and Bart Williams (England).

So, George has played at the highest level.

Besides being a star player, George is also a star development officer, who has great patience and enthusiasm with a wide variety of young players. So, if your young child comes home saying that I was coached by George Sorras today, you know that he was being coached by somebody at the highest level.

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DRAMATIC INCREASE IN YOUTH LEAGUE

IAN MARRIOTT on YOUTH LEAGUE

The 1995 NIB Super Youth League and divisional Youth Leagues kick off this weekend and once again the number of teams has been increased dramatically.

In 1994 Soccer NSW became responsible for the organisation of the respective youth league competitions, and I am sure that all would agree that the amalgamation of both the NSW Federation and the Amateur body has seen an improvement in the overall professionalism of the organisational structure which augers well for the future of the game, not only in this state, but right across the country.

1995 has seen an age bracket change which has meant all teams have been reshuffled dramatically with many players jumping two age groups if they were born between August and December.

For this reason, last year's form will have very little significance this year and I am certain that there will be many surprises in store in regards to top four candidates.

Let's take a look at the clubs competing in the various divisions along with their 1994 form and likely chances for 1995.

CLUB: Adamstown Rosebuds
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 2nd and Champions
U14: 9th
U15: 6th
U16: 9th
C.C.: 6th
Aims and Expectations: Adamstown Rosebuds got off to a flying start in their inaugural season and produced a champion Under 13 team. Expected to be well up the ladder once again this season in all ages, possibly winning Club Championship.

CLUB: Bankstown City
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 9th
U14: 10th
U15: 12th
U16: 7th
C.C.: 10th
Aims and Expectations: 1994 was the beginning of what I expect will be a long stint in the top league for this proud club which has long term ambitions of breaking into the National Soccer League ranks. Never in the relegation zone and hoping to move higher up the Club Championship this season.

CLUB: Blacktown City
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: Semi-Finalists
U14: Premiers and Champions
U15: 10th
U16: 5th
C.C.: 4th
Aims and Expectations: Blacktown City for many years have been a well organised club who pride themselves on the quality of youngsters they have been producing and the number of those which have progressed through to the senior ranks. 1995 will be no different and the Demons can certainly be considered to be a force to be reckoned with in the race for the Club Championship.

CLUB: Macarthur Rams
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: Semi-Finalists
U14: Semi-Finalists
U15: 7th
U16: Semi-Finalists
C.C.: Runners Up
Aims and Expectations: After a highly successful 1994 season in the Ram Youth League which saw the Rams winning promotion to the top ranks, Macarthur will be looking to consolidate their position and should finish in the central areas of the Club Championships. Watch out for a brilliant Under 13 side.

CLUB: Marconi-Fairfield Stallions
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: Premiers and Grand Finalists
U14: 5th
U15: Premiers and Champions
U16: 2nd and Champions
C.C.: Club Champions
Aims and Expectations: The club which all will be looking to knock off their perch. Likely to be amongst the front runners in all age groups and will push hard once again for Club Champion honours.

CLUB: Parramatta Eagles
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 6th
U14: 2nd and Grand Finalists
U15: 5th
U16: Semi-Finalists
C.C.: 3rd
Aims and Expectations: Once of the success stories of recent years. It is only a few seasons ago that Parramatta, then known as Melita, were in a desperate battle to avoid relegation. The club has got its act together in a big way and are highly respected by all other clubs. Definite Club Championship contender.

CLUB: Rockdale Suns
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 11th
U14: 13th
U15: 9th
U16: 10th
C.C.: 11th
Aims and Expectations: 1994 saw Rockdale involved in a major relegation battle which they won. A strong recruitment campaign during the off-season will see the club much stronger in 1995, although they may still find the going tough.

CLUB: St George
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 5th
U14: 6th
U15: 7th
U16: 13th
C.C.: 9th
Aims and Expectations: 1994 was a poor season by St George standards and they are expecting to lift themselves considerably this season. The club will certainly be knocking on the door of top four Club Championship, but the number one position may be a little too high this season.

CLUB: Southern Districts
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: Ram Sportswear Youth League
U13: Premiers and Champions
U14: Premiers and Champions
U15: 2nd and Grand Finalists
U16: 6th
C.C.: Ram Sportswear Club Champions
Aims and Expectations: Back in the highest youth league division after playing Ram last year, Southern Districts expect to be very competitive in the Super League and will be knocking on the door of top four Club Championship.

CLUB: Sutherland Shire
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 8th
U14: 8th
U15: 11th
U16: 6th
C.C.: 8th
Aims and Expectations: Last season performed very creditably and will continue to do so in 1995, possibly looking to make the top four of the Club Championships. Don't be surprised to see a number of teams making the semi-finals this season.

CLUB: Sydney Olympic
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: Semi-Finalists
U14: Semi-Finalists
U15: Semi-Finalists
U16: Premiers and Semi-Finalists
C.C.: Runners Up
Aims and Expectations: After knocking on the door of the Club Championship top spot for a number of seasons, now I have a feeling that 1995 will be the year of Olympic. Always strong in all age groups, and the only club to have representation in the top four of every age group in 1994. A big season for the Blues.

CLUB: Sydney United
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 7th
U14: 12th
U15: 2nd and Grand Finalists
U16: 3rd and Grand Finalists
C.C.: 5th
Aims and Expectations: Another club which has improved dramatically after being close to relegation a few seasons ago. United are now a club which is feared by all and have a proven reputation of producing high quality players who go on to play 1st grade and also for their country. Almost

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50% of current 1st grade team is locally produced.

CLUB: Warringah Dolphins
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 10th
U14: 14th
U15: 8th
U16: 12th
C.C.: 12th

Aims and Expectations: Just managed to avoid relegation in 1994, but I suspect will be much stronger this season. The club has redeveloped a youth strategy and has increased the number of training sessions dramatically which is certain to have long term benefits. I tip a considerable move up the ladder in 1995.

CLUB: Wollongong City
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 12th
U14: Semi-Finalists
U15: Semi-Finalists
U16: 9th
C.C.: 7th

Aims and Expectations: A club which always seems to produce at least two outstanding teams and such was the case in 1994. A big chance for a top four Club Championship position, but unlikely to finish first.

CLUB: Blacktown Association
1995: NIB Super Youth League
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 9th
U14: Semi-Finalists
U15: 9th
U16: 9th
C.C.: 8th

Aims and Expectations: In the second year of their amalgamation with Blacktown City Demons and certain to be a major force in this division in all age groups. Big chance for top four if not promoted to Super Youth League.

CLUB: Bonnyrigg White Eagles
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 10th
U14: 8th
U15: 5th
U16: 2nd and Champions
C.C.: 6th

Aims and Expectations: An average season for a club with high expectations in 1994, however likely to be pushing for promotion this season. Always a tough opponent particularly in the older age groups.

CLUB: Central Coast
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 4th and Grand Finalists
U14: 9th
U15: 11th
U16: Premiers and Grand Finalists
C.C.: 7th

Aims and Expectations: The 1994 Under 13 and Under 16 were typical of what can be expected from this club, and if they can improve the other age groups, there will be a big possibility for promotion, although a top four position is more likely this season.

CLUB: Eastern Suburbs
1995: NIB Division One
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 13th
U14: 11th
U15: 14th
U16: 14th
C.C.: 14th

Aims and Expectations: Eastern Suburbs found the going much too tough in the Super Youth League in 1994, and will be relieved to be in a competition more suited to their current abilities. Likely to have a number of teams gaining top four positions, however not a serious threat to a promotion position this season.

CLUB: Gladesville Hornsby
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: Semi-Finalists
U14: Semi-Finalists
U15: 18th
U16: 12th
C.C.: 4th

Aims and Expectations: 1994 saw Gladesville building a strong base for their future and inevitable re-emergence amongst the elite youth league teams. Definite top four position in the Club Champions and expected to gain promotion to the Super Youth League. Under 14 team a special for honours and possibility of other teams following suit.

CLUB: Granville Association
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 5th
U14: 6th
U15: 10th
U16: 11th
C.C.: 9th

Aims and Expectations: 1994 was a disappointing season for a club with a proud record, particularly in the younger age groups. 1995 is the second season of their involvement with Parramatta Eagles, and this is certain to provide a bright future. Difficult to predict, but possible top four Club Championship.

CLUB: Leichhardt Tigers
1995: NIB Division One
1994: NIB Super Youth League
U13: 14th
U14: 7th
U15: 13th
U16: 11th
C.C.: 13th

Aims and Expectations: 1994 was quite simply a disaster for this once proud club, losing their battle to retain a position in the Super Youth League. The club has however launched itself into a new era and it would be wrong for any club to underestimate their strength. Definite top four possibilities and possible promotion chance.

CLUB: Bankstown Association
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 11th
U14: 11th
U15: 6th
U16: 8th
C.C.: 12th

Aims and Expectations: Managed to hold onto a position in Division One due to expansion of competition to 14 teams, but worthy of their chance and likely to finish much higher up the table this season.

CLUB: Ku-ring-gai Association
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 8th
U14: 7th
U15: 12th
U16: 10th
C.C.: 11th

Aims and Expectations: Also managed to hold onto a position in Division One due to change to a 14 team competition. A club with unlimited potential which is constantly hampered by the high number of local private schools which prevent their students from playing weekend sport outside of the school system.

CLUB: Macquarie Sports
1995: NIB Youth League Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division Two
U13: 7th
U14: Premiers
U15: Premiers
U16: 2nd
C.C.: Runners Up

Aims and Expectations: Earned promotion to Division One through some excellent results in Division Two and will be looking to consolidate their position this season. Likely to finish mid-table in the Club Championship.

CLUB: Nepean Association
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 7th
U14: 10th
U15: Semi-Finalists
U16: Semi-Finalists
C.C.: 5th

Aims and Expectations: A very strong area which will continue to see a population growth and expected to be one of the clubs of the future. Big chance for promotion honours in 1995.

CLUB: Parramatta City
1995: NIB Division One
1994: Ram Sportswear Division One
U13: 12th
U14: 12th
U15: Semi-Finalists
U16: 5th
C.C.: 10th

Aims and Expectations: Will be looking to consolidate their position in the Division One competition. Although top four chances appear slim, they should be safely clear of the relegation zone.

CLUB: Southern Branch
1995: NIB Division One
1994: RAM Sportswear Division One
U/13 - 6th; U/14 - 5th; U/15 - Premiers and Semi Finalists; U/16 - 7th; C.C; 3rd
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: 1994 was a tremendous year for Southern Branch and they only just missed out on promotion. This year they must be considered a very real chance of making it through to the top grade and anything less would be a disappointment.

CLUB: St. Johns Park
1995: NIB Division One
1994: RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - Premiers;
U/14 - Semi-finalists;
U/15 - Semi-finalists;
U/16 - Semi-finalists;
C.C. - Division two club champions
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: 1995 will be a year of consolidation for St Johns Park and they should be able to main-

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tain a middle of the table position. The club has a great deal of spirit and high quality coaches.

CLUB: AC United
1995: NIB Division Two
1994: RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - Semi-finalists;
U/14 - 10th;
U/15 - Semi-finalists;
U/16 - 6th;
C.C. - 7th
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: Following their inaugural season in the Youth League ranks AC will be keen to continue a good start which saw two sides highly placed and the club must be considered a chance for promotion if they can strengthen the other two sides.

CLUB: Canterbury & Districts
1995: NIB Division Two
1994: RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - Semi-finalists;
U/14 - 5th;
U/15 - 7th;
U/16 - 11th;
C.C. - 8th
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: The club needs to strengthen the older age groups although this will not be an easy task. Certain to be strong at U/13 age. Likely to finish in the top half of the club championship.

CLUB: Canterbury Marrickville
1995: NIB Division Two
1994: Ram Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - 5th;
U/14 - 9th;
U/15 - Semi-finalists;
U/16 - Semi-finalists;
C.C. - 5th
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS - A disappointing year for Marrickville and 1995 is seen as a rebuilding year. Should be able to handle at least a top four club championship position and high chance of promotion. Particularly strong in older age groups.

CLUB: CSI Schofield
1995: NIB Division Two
1994 - RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - Semi-finalists;
U/14 - Semi-finalists;
U/15 - 5th;
U/16 - 10th;
C.C. 4th
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: An excellent first up season for CSI which saw two teams inside the top four and the basis formed for a major attack on promotion this season. Top four certainties.

CLUB: Hills United
1995: NIB Division Two
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: First season in the Youth League ranks and a huge area to draw from suggests that this club could have a huge future both at junior and senior levels and it would not surprise to see them moving quickly through the ranks towards the higher divisions. Big chance for top four or better.

CLUB: Hawkesbury City
1995: NIB Division Two
AIM AND EXPECTATIONS: Yet another new comer to the Youth League in their inaugural season. Many brilliant players have come from this area in the past including Ryan Govier, Mark Schwarzer, Luke Casserly and Adam Whan to name a few. None had the opportunity to play locally. With their history of quality players the club may cause some surprises.

CLUB: Illawarra Lions
1995: NIB Division Two
AIM AND EXPECTATIONS: In their inaugural season in the Youth League and the second club to hail from the Wollongong area. Tough job first year in considering the area is already fairly well covered however will cause many upsets.

CLUB: Liverpool City
1995: NIB Division Two
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: This club first attempt at Youth League and in an area which has more youth league clubs than any other. Difficult to see where they will find the players in such a saturated area however it is also true that the area boasts more than its fair share of brilliant youngsters.

CLUB: Mt Druitt Town
1995: NIB Division Two
1994: RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - 9th;
U/14 - 8th;
U/15 - 9th;
U/16 - 8th;
C.C. - 9th
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: A steady start for Mt Druitt in their inaugural season last year and one which has given them a base with which to work. Will be aiming for at least a top four position but may have to settle for top half of the competition.

CLUB: Mt Pritchard
1995: NIB Division Two
1994: RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - 6th;
U/14 - 6th;
U/15 - 8th;
U/16 - Premiers;
C.C. 3rd
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: There can be no doubt that this club is on the move and with a powerful social club behind them their is no reason why Mounties can not become a dominant force in Soccer in the not too distant future. Certainties for top four and likely to be promoted to Division one.

CLUB: Ryde City
1995: NIB Division Two
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: Filled the position left by North Ryde and no doubt have gained many players from that club who have Youth League experience which will come in handy. Based in an area which has a number of clubs in close proximity and this will not help their cause. Not likely to make top half of club championship.

CLUB: Springwood
1995: NIB Division Two
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: New to the Youth League this season but have been preparing for quite some time and appear to be taking a highly professional outlook which will auger well for their future. Not an easy task first year out but may well claim a top half of the championship position. Long term will be very strong.

CLUB: Stanmore Hawks
1995: NIB Division Two
1994: RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - 10th;
U/14 - 11th;
U/15 - 11th;
U/16 - 5th;
C.C. - 11th
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: Not the best of seasons in 1994 and the club has a lot of work to do to avoid similar results in 95. Will have gained much valuable experience and this will provide them with an advantage not enjoyed by all. Difficult to see them in the top half of the club championship.

CLUB: Sutherland Association
1995: NIB Division Two
1994: RAM Sportswear Division Two
U/13 - 8th;
U/14 - Semi-finalists;
U/15 - 6th;
U/16 - 7th;
C.C. - 6th
AIMS AND EXPECTATIONS: With such a large drawing power from the States largest association, only a fool would suggest that Sutherland would have another season like 1994 which by their high standards was a disaster. All clubs would do well to note that Sutherland will be back this year and with a vengeance. Top four certainty and probable promotion material.

BANKSTOWN CITY Lions

Ask George Jackson about the future and he'll tell you about Bankstown City Lions.

Jackson, the President of the Lions has big plans for the club with his new committee. The Lions are now out to prove they are a serious force in the N.S.W. Super League - on and off the field. The results are a complete new outlook and a major boost to the profile of the club.

The Lions now boast:

* The club has a Marketing Manager and a Special Events Manager in Mr. M. Rowman.
* Coaches - A new First Grade Coach in Joe (Jinki) Watson and Second Grade in Jim Glenday. Also a warm welcome to Ron Corry as the goalkeeping coach for the youth and senior teams.
* and with an 'In-Profile' on the Youth of Bankstown City Lions with the services of Z. Nastevski.

With all this coming for the club in N.S.W. Super League, a bright future appears to be on the horizon for a club which recently dominated the 1994 Super League and Waratah Cup Competitions.

With the opening for the First Round of the Super League Competition, a Family Day has been arranged for supporters with a $10.00 family ticket which will include rides and face-painting. All welcome at our home ground, Jensen Oval, Sefton commencing at 11.00am on the 19 March, 1995.

In closing George Jackson would like to welcome all old and new supporters in our club in the 1995 season and with the club finding a firm financial footing, a special thanks goes to all our sponsors.

1995 WSL LINE - UP

DIVISION ONE

BLACKTOWN CITY - Club's first venture into women's football. Have 'adopted' many of Rooty Hill's players and staff.

CRONULLA RSL - WSL newcomer. Apparently have a solid base of players with previous WSL experience.

GLADESVILLE RAVENS - Longest surviving WSL club. Hoping to go one better and reach semi's after finishing 5th last year.

LIVERPOOL CITY - Fourth season in WSL. Have recruited Aussie goalkeeper Claire Nichols from Queensland.

MARCONI - Have busily recruited a large squad to compensate for the absences of many World Cup contenders.

NEWCASTLE PORT STEPHENS - New club of WSL. Boast many players from Hunter Districts with a strong Australian Team connection.

NNSW ITC/MAGPIES - Making their WSL debut. Comprised of the NNSW ITC Squad newly formed by coach Mark Jones.

NSW ACADEMY - NSW's young Academy team back this year with ITC Coach Tony Walmsley now at the helm.

PENRITH - Returning again to Reserve Grade. Hoping to consolidate their position and build to two teams next year.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE - Notched up some good results at the end of last year. Very keen to make an impact this season.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC - Took out all the awards in '94 but will be challenged to repeat that performances with several players on international duty.

UWS MACARTHUR - New to the scene. Have several players on board from last year's successful White City team.

DIVISION TWO

BATHURST CITY - Making a welcome return to WSL after a year's absence. Should be a very competitive side.

CSI SCHOFIELDS - First experience of WSL football. One of the growing number of teams from the western suburbs.

FAIRFIELD BULLS - New club fielding two teams in Division 2. Aiming to build a solid future for the club.

MACARTHUR JUNIORS - Hoping to put pressure on their senior counterparts. Good to see Macarthur developing their juniors.

MACARTHUR SENIORS - Macarthur are aiming to consolidate their WSL position after taking the Division 1 wooden spoon last year.

SUTHERLAND - Sutherland are to be congratulated on being the first to enter 3 teams in WSL. Will give plenty of youngsters a good opportunity.

WOMENS SOCCER

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TOP WEEKEND IN BATHURST

by Cate Wall

The inaugural Mitchell Cup and Mitchell Shield held in Bathurst 4-5 March provided some fine pre-season competition for the eighteen teams who had travelled from Sydney and Canberra, plus local Mitchell teams.

Hosts Mitchell District Soccer Association presented a smooth and efficiently run weekend of football, and the event was supported by a Civic reception and WIN-Television.

Sydney teams were pleased to escape the coastal rain, although strong Bathurst winds made play difficult in the preliminary round. Semi's and finals were then played in the heat of the sun.

The final of the Mitchell Shield for local All Age teams was fought out between Gladesville RSL and Liverpool Olympic. Both from Pool B, the two had played each other just hours before with Gladesville winning 3-1.

The final however was a much tighter affair with chances at both ends. It was a single goal scored in the first half that separated the teams. Gladesville RSL's S. Barrett struck the winner, the ball ricocheting to squeeze just inside the goal.

Some relentless attack from Australian striker Michelle Watson was influential in Marconi Fairfield's downing Gladesville Ravens (1) 3-1 in the Mitchell Cup final.

Watson scored Marconi's second goal with a neat header from a Jane Hornsby corner and had the Gladesville defence foxed for most of the game. Marconi fielding 4 Australian squad members progressed to the finals undefeated after a 3-0 semi-final win over the young Academy outfit.

Gladesville earnt their spot after semi-final win over 1994 WSL victors, Sydney Olympic, in a penalty shootout - the upset of the tournament. Scores were locked at 1-1 after extra time, with goals from Olympic's Michelle Prouten and Ravens' Paula Walton.

Despite a magic diving save by Australian captain Julie Murray (who wore the number one jersey all weekend due to injury), Olympic's shooters were only able to convert their first and last penalties (Julie Murray and Michelle Prouten). Gladesville's Jo Munn, Kim Seaman and Heloise Gibb kept their cool from the spot to record the shock result over Olympic with 5 internationals in their attack.

Marconi's first goal in the finals came early, when left fullback, Kaye Yardin, scored off her right foot.

Ravens' Elizabeth Cotton equalised soon after with a huge curved strike from the left flank from about 25 yards out.

Watson's headed goal and some tight Marconi defence kept the underdogs at bay, who were unlucky not to score in the final 30 seconds before the break when first-time keeper Cindy Metcalf pulled off a gutsy save.

Marconi's third goal came off a corner, when the ball, which looked like it was heading over the line just shy of the post, deflected off the keeper's glove and thigh and snuck into the goal.

Marconi conceded just two goals all weekend, and coach Rick Budini said he was pleased with the team's overall performance, in particular Watson, who snared six gaols over the two days of competition.

"It was a good all-round effort, especially from Michelle. Some of the goals she scored on the weekend wouldn't be seen in the NSL," he said.

"The team played very well, considering we have only been training for three or four weeks."

Mitchell Shield

Semi-Finals: Gladesville RSL 3 v Marayong Sports 2; Liverpool Olympic 2 vs UTS 1. Final: Gladesville RSL 1 vs Liverpool Olympic 0.

Mitchell Cup

Semi-Finals: Gladesville Ravens 1 vs Sydney Olympic 1 (Gladesville 3-2 penalties); Marconi 3 vs ACT Academy 0. Final: Marconi 3 vs Gladesville Ravens 1.

EXPANDED WOMENS SOCCER LEAGUE KICKS OFF THIS WEEK

The much anticipated start to the season has finally arrived NSW's Women's State League (WSL) has this year grown to a 30 team competition from the 20 sides that competed last season.

The new look WSL now encompasses almost all major points of the greater Sydney area as well as country regions Newcastle and Bathurst. Geographically it stretches from Newcastle in the north, Campbelltown to the south, inland to Bathurst, and Cronulla on the coast.

Soccer NSW's Women's Soccer Council has expanded the league to now include a 2nd Division, supplementing the existing Division 1 where clubs are required to field 1st and Reserve Grade teams.

The WSL is considered the premier domestic league in Australia and it seemed a natural progression for it to expand further after a very successful year in 1994.

"Division 2 will help bridge the gap between local soccer and the elite WSL Division 1", said WSC Vice Chairperson Jeff Saul. "We are looking to cater for players at all levels, and in this instance we have encouraged top local clubs to take the challenge of moving a step up. It will also help to expose our younger players to a higher level of competition and create better opportunities."

Seven teams are entered in Division 2 in its inaugural season and the year should prove this to be an interesting concept with big scope for the future.

Division 1 also promises great things for '95, and has also grown to now comprise 11 clubs.

Woman's Soccer in NNSW, recently affiliated to NSW, will have representation of 2 clubs in Division 1 - Newcastle Port Stephens plus NSW ITC/ Magpies. This follows on from the success of Hunter Districts last year, the first Newcastle side to make the trip south, which certainly boosted the standard of the league as a whole.

Of particular interest will be the match up between the Northern and NSW ITC/Academy sides.

The 1st Grade competition in this World Cup year will field more Australian Squad members than ever. Of the 28 still in contention for World Cup places 13 will be competing in the WSL.

WSL's solid reputation is continuing to attract top players from interstate. Australian Captain Julie Murray last year made the move north from her Canberra home to sign up for Sydney Olympic, with young Queenslander Trena Youngblutt also settling in Sydney to play for Marconi.

This year Queensland goalkeeper Claire Nichols has now made the commitment to fly down each week to take the field for Liverpool City in her bid for World Cup selection.

The expanded league will mean a great overall depth and will provide many intense battles. Sydney Olympic, last year's Premiers and Champions, along with Marconi and Newcastle Port Stephens would on paper look to again fight it out for top spot. However with their high concentration of World Cup Squad members, these teams may have to rely on player depth as there will be long periods with players away on international duty.

This should certainly prove an intriguing factor for this year's league and provide added excitement as competition for semi-final spots will be tighter than ever before. Other clubs will be keen to create an upset at the top this year.

WSL CLUB PROFILE

CLUB: NSW ITC
WSL DIVISION: Division 1 - 1st Grade
HOME GROUND: Parklea/ Weir Reserve Penrith
COLOURS: Sky Blue Shirt; Navy Blue Shorts; Sky Blue Socks
COACH: Tony Walmsley
ASSISTANT COACH: Leigh Wardell
MANAGER : Debby Fisher
GOALKEEPER COACH: Ron Jackson
YEAR STARTED IN WSL: 1994
1994 PLACING: 9th

1995 SQUAD:
1 - Patricia Calligas
2 - Bronwyn Boland
3 - Cassandra Curran
4 - Maria Calligas
5 - Nicole Munn
6 - Danielle Coonerty
7 - Helen Kalithrakas
8 - Alisa Winner (Captain)
9 - Joanne Peters
10 - Kelly Golebiowski
11 - Lisa Collins
12 - Bridget Harries
13 - Erin Finlayson
14 - Amanda Boyle
15 - Anne Starr
16 - Leigh Wardell
17 - Debby Fisher

TEAM LINE-UP:
* Nine players from the 1994 Academy retained. * New players with potential - M. Calligas, H. Kalithrakas, L. Collins, A. Boyle. * First graduated of the 1994 Development Squad - Anne Starr. * The young players will be supported by ex-international Leigh Wardell and player/manager Debby Fisher recruited from Sutherland.

COACH'S COMMENTS:
With the season just around the corner, preparation is satisfactory. As the ITC program progresses I expect the profile to lift and more widespread acceptance become evident. New programs rarely commence without detractors, but, as was the case with the AIS soccer squad in its early phase, I believe the ITC program will become the elite program for women with clubs taking pride in their developing young players being selected into the program.

The current situation has provided the 1995 players with an excellent opportunity to stake their claim for a place in the squad towards 2000. Three training sessions per week together with a comprehensive 7 day home program and the support of the NSW Institute of Sport gives them an environment from which every opportunity can be taken.

Recent performances in trial games and the Mitchell Cup in Bathurst gave a good indication of the task ahead and the Women's ITC Squad intends to make every game competitive in 1995.

AUSTRALIA TAKE ON NEW ZEALAND

Continuing its preparations for the World Cup finals, Australia this week faces tough rivals New Zealand in two test matches to be held in Canberra.

The matches are scheduled for' Friday 17 March and Sunday 19 March at the AIS, both at 7pm. The Australian Squad of 28 will remain in camp until 27 March for further intensive training.

The Australian Squad is: Traci Bartlett (NSW/Marconi); Lisa Casagrande (NNSW); Lizzy Claydon (WA); Sarah Cooper (NT); Lisa Dunne (NNSW/Newcastle Port Stephens); Justine Fisher (NSW/Cronulla); Alison Forman (NNSW); Sonia Gegenhuber(Qld); Linda Hughes (NNSW/Newcastle Port Stephens); Angela Ianotta (ACT); Yvette Jaeger (NSW/ Marconi); Denise Lofthouse (WA); Louise McMurtrie (Qld); Julie Murray (NSW/ Sydney Olympic); Claire Nichols (Qld/Liverpool City); Jane Oakley (Vic); Denie Pentecost (NSW/Sydney Olympic); Michelle Prouten (NSW/Sydney Olympic); Karly Pumpa (ACT); Kim Revell (Qld); Cheryl Sanlisbury (WA; Bridgette Starr (NNSW/Newcastle Port Stephens); Anissa Tann (NSW/ Marconi); Sasha Wainwright (ACT); Michelle Watson (NSW/Marconi); Tracey Wheeler (WA); Coach - Tom Sermanni; Manager/Asst. Coach - Katrina Alexander; Physiotherapist - Ed Hollis; Goalkeeper Coach - Paul Jones.

SPREADING THE WORD IN BATHURST

by Cate Wall

You are never too young to set your alms high.

That was the message spread by World Cup squad members Michelle Watson and Soccer NSW development officer, Kaye Yardin, in Bathurst earlier this month.

The two travelled to Bathurst to compete with Marconi-Fairfield in the inaugural Mitchell Cup tournament, and took some time out before hand to conduct coaching clinics with local school girls.

Over three days the two visited girls from nine primary schools and three high schools, and took them through basic juggling, dribbling and shooting skills as well as introducing them to a number of modified games and activities.

Watson said the main reason for the clinics was to lift the profile of women's soccer in regional areas.

She said although women's soccer is enjoying more exposure than it ever has in the past, especially through World Cup qualification, the message still needed to be spread: 'Women can play soccer too'.

Watson said she has impressed with the talent of a number of girls who showed natural ability and a heap of potential.

She said she saw no reason, why a number of them could not reach representative level, as Bathurst's Rebecca Read (NSW Under 16) and Blayney's Nicole Davis (Australian Under 16) had done.

"You learn more when you are younger, the younger the better," said Watson. "I told the girls about how each state has ITC squads and if they can get into one of those, even if they train in an academy with the boys, it will help."

Watson and Yardin enjoyed their own fair share of success over the weekend at Bathurst helping Marconi to victory by each scoring a goal in the final.

NEXT WEEK DRAW - WOMENS STATE LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE ROUND 2: 25th/26th MARCH, 1995

MARCONI SC VS UWS MACARTHUR - SUNDAY - MARCONI NO. 2
GLADESVILLE RAVEN VS NEWCASTLE PORT STEPHENS
SUNDAY - PEEL PARK
NNSW ITC/MAGPIES VS SUTHERLAND SHIRE - SUNDAY
JACK MCLAUGHLAN OVAL
NSW ITC/PENRITH VS CRONULLA - SATURDAY
WEIR RESERVE, PENRITH
SYDNEY OLYMPIC VS BLACKTOWN CITY - SUNDAY
LEICHHARDT OVAL
LIVERPOOL CITY - BYE

NSW State Coaches for 1995 have now been announced by Soccer NSW.

ITC Coach Tony Walmsley will take charge of the Senior State Team, with Leigh Wardell appointed to the Youth Team, and Sue Andrews the Juniors.

Wardell and Andrews have been selected in recognition of their impressive coaching records to date.

Walmsley has scheduled the following camp dates at Parklea for 1995:

Junior Camp 18-20 April; Youth Camp 10-12 July

The above dates will also incorporate fitness testing sessions for the ITC Squad